

## PURPOSE OF BUDGET

The purpose of this budget is to enable the Committee to respond to local issues and needs.

Projects which enhance local service delivery and particularly the appearance and level of maintenance of towns and villages will be given preference.

## PROJECT THEMES

The budget has been allocated to the following themes:

- Community Planning/Problem solving; and
- Town and village enhancement.



## COMMUNITY PLANNING/PROBLEM SOLVING

This element of the budget is intended to assist with community planning projects specifically those identified in the Marr Community Plan or in Community Action Plans and particularly joint ventures between the Council and Community bodies. In addition, priority will be given to solving area service delivery problems or to enhance provision in visible services.



Funding is also available for:

- Underwriting community based projects – up to a maximum of £500 per event; and
- Provision of Community Christmas Lights – up to a maximum of £3000 per community, subject to match funding and to certain criteria being met.



## TOWN AND VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT

Projects could include provision of hanging baskets, other planting arrangements or more permanent provision that enhances the location. This list is not exclusive.

Grants of up to £500 are available and the community group applying must demonstrate that it has community support, for instance, by endorsement from the Community Council. More than one grant per community can be awarded in any one year but preference will be given to those who have not received an award.



Grant applications that demonstrate partnership, flair and added value to the grant will be given preference and applicants must demonstrate that maintenance or upkeep issues have been resolved so that the project is sustainable over its life.

## GRANTS

The grants are intended to be used in tandem with funds raised by community groups.

Community fund raising can be from efforts within the community or from other grant bodies.



Grants are awarded on a first come first served basis and community groups are encouraged to submit applications at the earliest opportunity.

Projects must be completed and paid for within the financial year an award is agreed and applications must be submitted and approved prior to expenditure taking place. The Council's financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March.

## INFORMATION REQUIRED

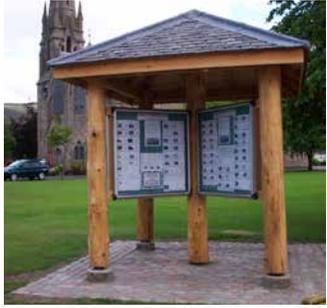
To assist us in assessing your application the following information would be useful:

- Details of Membership or make-up of your Group – Group must be Constituted.
- Most recent Accounts of your Group (audited if possible).
- Quote for work (if applicable).



## OTHER GRANTS

In addition to the scheme, the Marr Area Committee funds an Initiative Grant Scheme (IGS) designed to promote community



development projects. The IGS is managed by the Marr Area Partnership.

Information on the scheme and application forms can be obtained from the

Marr Area Partnership on 07585 621 549 or by emailing [natasha@marrareapartnership.org.uk](mailto:natasha@marrareapartnership.org.uk)

It is not intended to provide funding from both Schemes for individual projects.

Further information on a variety of funding available within Aberdeenshire is also provided on the Council's website at –



[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/funding](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/funding)

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local issues  
and needs to  
improve your  
community*

