

Edinburgh Airport Community Board

The Edinburgh Airport Community Board will consider applications from Edinburgh, Lothian's and Fife that support local sport, health and wellbeing, environment and educational initiatives, or a combination of these. Priority will be given to proposals benefitting those living within the communities closest to the airport or those most affected by aircraft noise.

Sport, health and wellbeing

We are keen to support schemes which encourage and enhance physical and mental wellbeing. Proposals to establish or enhance new or existing initiatives are welcome and should indicate how they will have a long-term benefit. Proposals for initiatives that will have a short-term benefit, such as purchasing sports strips and uniforms, are unlikely to be supported.

Environment

The environmental theme covers projects and initiatives that improve the immediate environment of local areas, buildings, or outdoor spaces, through practical work, or by environmental education. Projects include biodiversity, wildlife and conservation management, the protection of local habitats and the prevention of litter and waste that causes pollution. The community fund will consider all types of activities relating to these themes, including purchasing equipment, trees and plants. Funding is also available for educational activities in schools and community groups.

Under the environmental theme we also consider schemes which are aimed at reducing a school and community buildings or organisations carbon footprint. This may be through using less electricity, gas, or vehicle fuels. Examples of such projects include as energy efficient lighting or installing better insulation. Projects aiming to reduce energy use should include the energy savings expected (in kWh) and carbon savings.

Education

Educational initiatives should aim to enhance the opportunity and ways of learning but should not be seen as a replacement funding source for reduced education authority funding. We are keen to work with organisations that offer new, different and exciting ways to learn.

Community

The Edinburgh Airport Community Board seek to support pieces of work or projects which fall outside mainstream local or Scottish government service delivery, but which clearly benefit people in the communities around the airport.

There is no cap on the amount of funding that can be sought. Applications are advised to detail how funding amounts are calculated. Occasionally, if funding cannot be fully supported, there may be an opportunity to award partial funding. We also advocate match funding where appropriate and advise organisations to consider other funding sources such as SportScotland's SPORTSMATCH.

Schemes which demonstrate opportunities for social enterprising in order to allow an organisation or charity to become self-sufficient or fund other improvements are encouraged.

We are keen to support our local areas including gala days but these events are capped due to the volume of requests received. As with other funding applications support for gala days will be weighted towards communities closest to the airport or most affected by aircraft noise. Gala day funding requests will also be considered

alongside requests for other projects, therefore gala days are not guaranteed funding.

With the exception of gala days, organisations that are successful in applying for funding are not eligible to apply again for two calendar years where the beneficiaries would be the same. This is to reflect the fact that they have gained previous funding and that we wish as many organisations or communities to benefit also.