**SSE Micro Grant Guidelines**

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| Micro grants are intended to make the Griffin and Calliachar Community Fund available to individuals and small local groups who need small amounts to pursue their objectives. The process of applying for and receiving a micro grant is intended to be relatively quick and light touch and will be managed by your local Community Council. Up to £500. for groups with a constitution, larger grants are available by applying to SSE. |
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**“What for”**

Community-focussed or charitable activities which:

• enhance quality of life for local residents.

• contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities; and/or

• promote community spirit and encourage community activity

**“Who can apply”**

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|  Applications for micro grants can be accepted from groups – including those who don’t have a written constitution or set of rules – and individuals. Individuals must be living in the community council areas. |

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| **“what we cannot support “** * Projects which do not benefit people living within the community council areas
* The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups)
* The purchase of second-hand vehicles
* Trips abroad
* Costs of energy consumption
* The repayment of loans or payment of debts
* Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before we have made a decision on an application (retrospective funding).
* Payments towards areas generally understood to be the exclusive responsibility of statutory authorities.
* Applications that are for the sole benefit to flora and fauna. Applicants are invited to demonstrate the direct benefit to the local community and/or service users in cases where the grant application is concerned with flora and fauna.
* Anti-wind farm/renewable energy activities, including activities contrary to the interests of SSE and its subsidiaries.

**Kenmore & D cc requirements** |
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**Individuals**

Complete application with costs.

Details should be sufficient to get a clear picture of benefit to the Community.

These in principle will be one offs.

No commercial enterprises.

The grant will be expected to be spent within the 12-month period.

Follow up presentation/information of benefits micro grant has brought.

**Groups**

**Established**

Copy of constitution and last audited accounts are required with the application.

The recipient will let the community Council know on completion.

**New groups**

Require production of a constitution, plus give clear background to the project and Budget.

We will follow up to ensure that valid group has been set up – failure to do so would result in micro grant not being granted or being repaid.