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Inch Cape Construction Fund
Fund Report 2024

Headlines.....

30 grants, totalling £44,294, awarded since the fund's launch in February 2024

29 community groups supported

Largest portion of grants (63%) supporting good health and wellbeing

Significant benefits to young families with 18 awards supporting children, young people and their parents

Matched funding of £179,583 leveraged to support local groups and services

Highlights

The first year of the Inch Cape Construction Fund has been highly successful awards totalling 44k supporting 29 local community groups in the Prestonpans, Cockenzie and Port Seton community council areas.

Prestonpans, Cockenzie and Port Seton are a series of small towns which lie east of Edinburgh on the cost of the Firth of Forth, with a combined population of around 15,800. The area has strong historic links with the mining and salt panning derives its name. With 3 harbours and a coastal walkway, the towns also share connections with the fishing industry.

The decline of large-scale industrial employment, alongside other factors, means that the area experiences high levels of deprivation compared with the majority of East Lothian region. Within Prestonpans and Cockenzie & Port Seton, 13% of fund area residents live within the 20% most deprived areas of Scotland, as measured using the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2020.

Launched in February 2024, the Fund seeks to support projects that help tackle the effects of poverty and inequality while improving the environment and supporting sustainability for local residents.

The Fund is provided by Inch Cape Offshore Limited, a joint venture between Red Rock Power and ESB Energy, which is developing the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm. Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm will be located off the Angus coast while its onshore substation is under construction at the site of Cockenzie's old power station, where electricity generated by the offshore turbines will be brought ashore.

An initial sum of £45k was provided for distribution in the first year to support the local community during the initial Wind Farm construction phase. To date the Fund has made 30 awards which have supported a wide range of projects.

Planters in Prestonpans installed as part of Prestonpans Bloomers' Plants for Heritage project.

Awards have supported improvements to community spaces, supporting local festivals, and contributing to a shared sense of pride and identity. Sports clubs, scout groups and school programmes have helped to equip young people with life skills, promote physical health, and provide meaningful recreational outlets. Health and wellbeing initiatives have worked to strengthen resilience and social cohesion by offering mental health support, emergency food provision, and skills training. A full breakdown of projects supported can be found in Annex One.

The Fund has a high success rate for applicants, with more than 85% of groups who applied receiving support. The Fund has also allowed the organisations supported to leverage an additional £179,583.37 in matched funding. In real terms, this means that for every £1 awarded through the Fund, an additional £4.05 has been brought into the community to develop these projects.

Fund Overview

The Fund offers grants of between £500 - £2,000, which can cover a wide range of costs, including equipment & resources, running costs, consultations and facilities maintenance or refurbishment.

The Fund aims to support projects which:

- Improve physical and/or mental health and wellbeing
- Reduce isolation or loneliness within the community
- Increase access to education, learning and employment
- Improve the local environment
- Reduce food or fuel poverty

Although projects may benefit a variety of participants, activities helping people overcome challenges or complex life circumstances are particularly welcome.

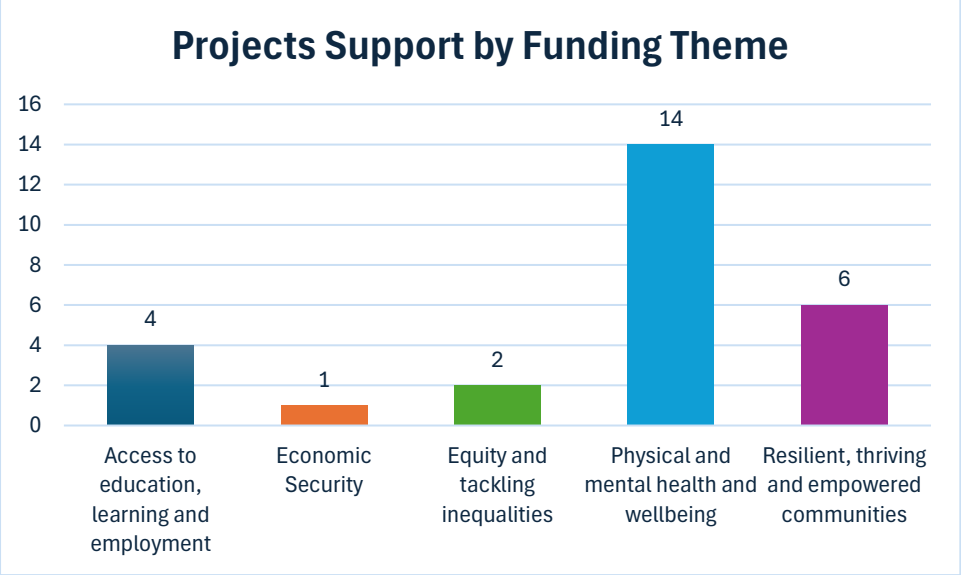
The Fund operates on a rolling basis, allowing groups to apply at any time and receive decisions within 8-12 weeks. This flexible approach can be particularly beneficial for groups operating short-term projects or responding to emerging community needs.

Awards decisions are made by selected Inch Cape Offshore Limited staff, supported by Foundation Scotland.

Making a Difference

When measuring the difference funding awarded has made, Foundation Scotland considers 7 themes, describing the positive impact projects make in their communities. These are: access to education, learning and employment; climate and the natural environment; economic security; equity and tackling inequalities; physical and mental health and wellbeing; places and spaces that support a good quality of life; and resilient, thriving and empowered communities.

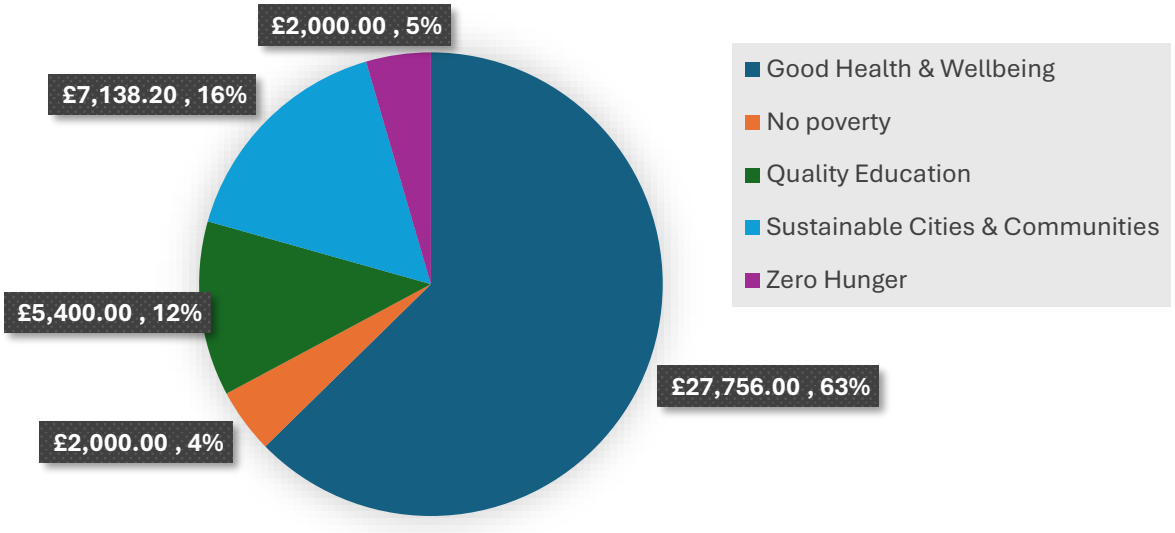
Awards from the Inch Cape Construction Fund have supported projects addressing five of these themes, with the major focus being on physical and mental health and wellbeing.



On a wider scale, the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), provide a framework for considering how the Fund is contributing towards both global and local priorities.

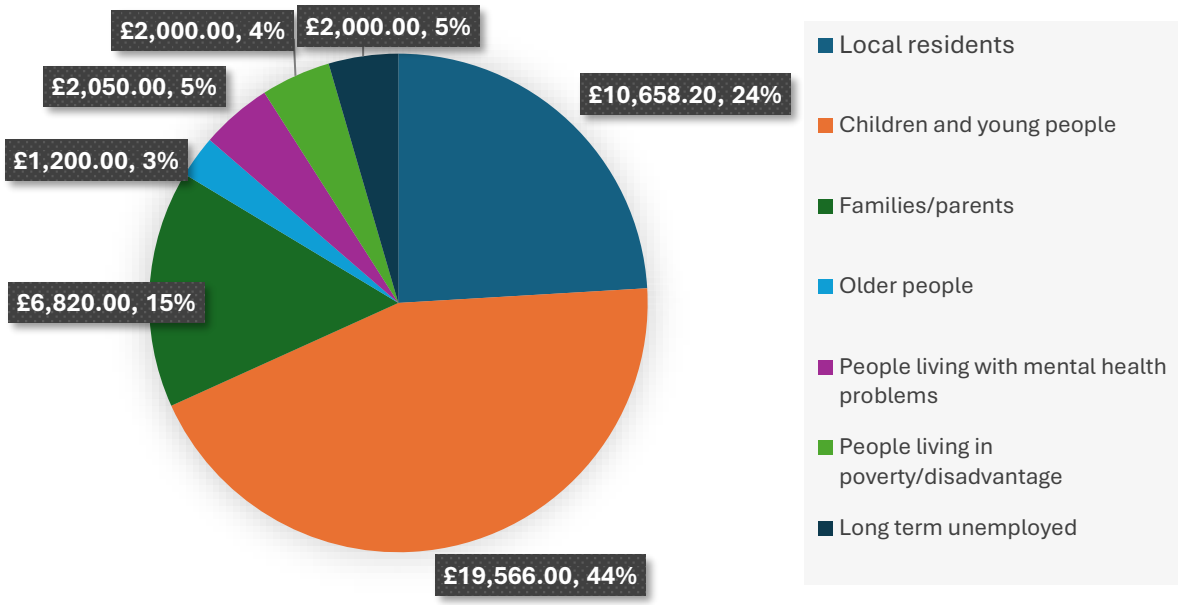
Although these figures provide a good indication of the main impacts the Fund is achieving, it should be noted that most projects do contribute towards more than one SGD. The Fund has supported a range of SGDs, with the most significant contributions being towards 'good health and wellbeing' (63%) and 'sustainable cities and communities' (16%).

Sustainable Development Goals



The Fund has also supported a good range of beneficiaries. A significant portion of funds awarded have benefitted residents of all ages, although there has also been a strong focus on supporting children and young people.

Beneficiary Groups Supported



Impact Spotlight - Patchwork EH32

Patchwork EH32 supports parents of preschool children (aged 0-5 years) in the EH32 area through activities including Patchwork Babies, a drop-in health session, and Patchwork Play, a parent and toddler group. Each summer, the group organise an outing to give families a fun experience outside their local area.

In 2024, funding from the Inch Cape Construction Fund supported a trip to Edinburgh Zoo, covering the cost of tickets for 84 children and primary caregivers (including parents, grandparents and other carers).

During the trip, each child received a snack bag with water, fruit, and other healthy treats. The day was a great success, with many families car sharing or travelling on public transport, reflecting Patchwork's commitment to sustainability. Following the trip, Patchwork EH32 planned follow-up activities with zoo-themed crafts, stories, and songs, and organised a zoo-themed session with the local Bookbug leader.

The successful trip demonstrates Patchwork EH32's commitment to fostering community, inclusivity, and environmental responsibility through meaningful, supported experiences for local families.

Participant stories:

A, a new mother and attendee of Patchwork Babies, said the outing helped her meet other parents in the area, strengthening her connections and encouraging her continued involvement in Patchwork sessions.

B, a single parent without a car, shared that the trip gave them and their two children an experience they couldn't usually afford. The provided snack bags were a helpful addition, making the day affordable and enjoyable.

Impact Spotlight – Cockenzie and Port Seton Gala

The Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Gala team host an annual Children's Gala Day, a much-loved event open to the whole community where local children are invited to join in, whether they live in or go to school in the area. This year, the Gala took place on 1st June 2024 and attracted over 600 attendees.

The event was packed with activities that were free for everyone, making the day even more welcoming and accessible for families. The main highlight of the data was a lively parade through the village by the "gala court", transported in local fishing boats. Other activities included musical performances, children's football and races, a pet show, lawn bowling, a funfair, and a petting zoo with alpacas. To ensure children with additional needs could fully enjoy the festivities, there was a "quiet hour" for fairground rides, providing a calmer environment to experience the fun.

A local fishing boat used to transport the gala's "king and queen" during the parade.

Funding from Inch Cape Construction Fund supported the costs of the petting zoo with alpaca and the soft play, aimed at making the event more inclusive. Feedback from parents was positive, with one mother sharing that her autistic son especially enjoyed feeding and stroking the alpacas, while a longtime local said her kids were thrilled to see something new and exciting at the gala.

Following this year's success, the group are eager to keep making the gala as welcoming as possible and planning for the 2025 event is already well underway.

Financial Overview

The following table summarises the Fund's financial activity from 1st January – 31st December 2024.

Income	
Inch Cape Offshore Wind Ltd (for distribution)	£44,900.00
Inch Cape Offshore Wind Ltd (contribution to FS Fund management costs)	£6,100.00
Total Income	**£51,000.00**
Expenditure	
Grants awarded – paid	£43,749.20
Grants awarded – pending payment	£500.00
Foundation Scotland fund management fees	£6,100.00
Total Expenditure	**£50,349.20**
Closing Balance	**£705.80**

**The cash balance as at 31st December was £1,205.80, including £500.00 of future commitments for grants pending.*

Marketing & Communications

The Fund is promoted by both Foundation Scotland Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm through Fund specific pages, which can be found at:

- www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/inch-cape-construction-fund
- www.inchcapewind.com/about/community/

The sites provide application information for interested groups and regular updates on projects funded.

During the Fund launch phase, community groups and charities working in the area were contacted by Foundation Scotland to make them aware of this new funding opportunity. Partner organisations, such as Volunteer Centre East Lothian, were also asked to share information with their service users. The launch was also covered in local press, featuring in the East Lothian Courier – see Annex Two.

This coverage ensured that the Fund had high levels of initial uptake, with eight organisations being awarded grants within the first two months.

Conclusions

In its first year, the Inch Cape Construction Fund has made a positive difference to the communities of Prestonpans, Cockenzie & Port Seton, supporting a wide variety of projects.

As time progresses and the Fund becomes more well-known, it is hoped it will continue to reach more projects in the area. Inch Cape Offshore Limited and Foundation Scotland will continue working closely to consider new opportunities which can maximise local benefits.

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Annex One – Awards Breakdown

Organisation Supported	Amount Awarded	Project Summary
1st Prestonpans Guides	£696.00	To contribute towards materials, equipment and hall hire costs for the 1st Prestonpans Guides unit, supporting young people to develop new skills and improve their self-confidence.
20schemes Retrain CIC	£2,000.00	To contribute towards rent and core costs associated with supporting trainees to develop practical skills and improve employability.
3 Harbours Arts Festival	£2,000.00	To contribute to the costs of marquee hire as part of the 3 Harbours Art Festival to offer opportunities for social interaction and improve community cohesion.
360 Centre CIC	£1,840.00	To contribute towards the costs of community consultation workshops and proposed centre design, via the creation of 3D models, to encourage community involvement in the potential development of a Climate Change Exchange Centre.
Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council	£2,000.00	To contribute towards the cost of replacing 5 flagpoles on Port Seton Promenade.
Cockenzie and Port Seton Bowling Club	£2,000.00	Towards the cost of equipment (bowls, footwear, targets, and shirts) to support youth participation in bowling and enhance inclusivity.
Cockenzie and Port Seton Community Gala	£1,000.00	To contribute towards the cost of the 2024 Cockenzie and Port Seton Gala, thereby promoting community activity and bringing residents together to celebrate local traditions.
Cockenzie House & Gardens	£500.00	To contribute to the 2024 Christmas Lights event at Cockenzie House & Gardens, enhancing community wellbeing and pride.
Cockenzie Star Girls FC	£2,000.00	To contribute towards the cost of kit and equipment for all players, allowing participation in the sport of football and thereby improving young people's physical and mental health and wellbeing.
Dads Work	£2,000.00	To cover the costs of operating eight baby and child first aid courses with the aim of equipping participants with essential skills and the resulting benefits this will bring.
Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band	£1,050.00	The project will be used to open up an area of their rehearsal space in order to develop a quiet space to allow members of the band to access support of other members who are trained Mental Health First Aiders.

Edinburgh and Lothians Out of School Care Network	£2,000.00	To contribute towards the costs of outdoor play equipment, including 'loose parts' play items for children ages 5-12 years.
Family Service Unit Scotland	£2,000.00	To contribute towards the cost of equipping the Routes Room in Prestonpans Community Centre, facilitating the Grow Your Own Routes programme to support young people aged 12-26 affected by a loved one's substance misuse.
Harlawhill Day Care Centre	£1,200.00	To contribute to the costs of hiring sessional workers to provide HDCC's members with recreational opportunities with the aim of improving their health and wellbeing.
Heavy Sound	£1,000.00	To contribute towards the cost of supporting 26 children with therapeutic one-to-one sessions and group work supporting improved mental health and coping strategies.
Into Work	£1,000.00	To contribute towards the cost of employing a part-time Advisor to deliver the East Lothian Works programme for secondary school pupils in Prestonpans.
Longniddry and District Gala Committee	£820.00	To contribute towards the cost of marquee hire for the Longniddry and District Gala 2024
Patchwork EH32	£400.00	To contribute towards the costs of the 2024 summer outing to Edinburgh Zoo, supporting social connections and improved mental wellbeing for pre-school children and their parents and carers.
Pennypit Community Development Trust	£2,000.00	To contribute to the costs of a school holiday lunch club, reducing food poverty and improving both physical and mental wellbeing.
Port Seton Centre Management Committee (SCIO)	£1,000.00	To contribute towards the cost of drama tuition, for young people with additional support needs to develop improved self-confidence, communication, and interpersonal skills.
Preston Lodge High School Pipe Band	£1,000.00	To contribute towards the costs of providing exam and solo competition opportunities, enhancing players' musical experiences and gaining recognition for their achievements.
Preston Lodge Learning Foundation	£2,000.00	To contribute towards the cost of replacing essential equipment used for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme within Preston Lodge High School.
Prestonpans Children's Gala	£2,000.00	To contribute to the cost of providing a sensory trailer for the Prestonpans Children's Gala to increase the opportunity for inclusive and stimulating activities for those with additional needs.

Prestonpans Community Council	£2,000.00	To contribute towards the costs of installing lights on the Prestonpans living Christmas tree to encourage community spirit during the festive season.
	£1,318.20	To cover the costs of the 'Plants for Heritage' project to brighten a recently restored area of Prestonpans, instilling an increased sense of community pride amongst residents.
Saltire Team Gymnastics	£2,000.00	To contribute towards the purchase of equipment for the new baby and pre-school gymnastics classes
Shorelark Arts CIC	£970.00	To contribute to the costs associated with operating free art workshops aimed at families facing barriers to inclusion and removing financial obstacles with the hope of improving participants' wellbeing.
Tranent & Preston Village Cricket Club	£1,000.00	To contribute towards the costs of supporting an additional cricket team, allowing more community members to participate in the sport locally.
Waggon Way Explorer Scout Unit	£1,500.00	To purchase new camping equipment to allow local Explorer Scouts to engage in regular camping trips, fostering a deeper connection with nature and providing them with life skills.
Women's Aid East & Midlothian	£2,000.00	To contribute towards supporting women and families subjected to domestic abuse with fuel and food costs through the provision of food vouchers and meter top-ups..

Annex Two – East Lothian Courier Article

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Wind farm gifts local groups more than £13,000

EIGHT community organisations in Prestonpans, Cockenzie and Port Seton have been awarded grants by the Inch Cape Construction Fund to support local initiatives aimed at improving the lives of people living in the area.

The first round of grants from the offshore wind farm's fund totals £13,300 and supports a range of initiatives, from improving local people's employability and giving youngsters the chance to spend time in nature, to an annual gala day and encouraging physical activity through cricket and gymnastics.

Managed by Foundation Scotland, the Inch Cape Construction Fund supports community projects that help tackle the effects of poverty and inequality, improve the environment or support sustainability within the Prestonpans or Cockenzie and Port Seton community council areas.

Applications for grants of up to £2,000 are considered on a rolling basis so eligible groups can apply at any time.

The full list of organisations, initiatives and grant amounts awarded in this first round can be found on the Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm website at *inchcapewind.com/about/community/construction-fund-awards*

A grant of £2,000 was awarded to Cockenzie & Port Seton Community Council to help replace five flagpoles on Port Seton's promenade, while Prestonpans Community Council was awarded £2,000 to help fund the installation of lights on the town's Christmas tree.

Other groups benefitting from the fund include Cockenzie Out of School Care (£2,000), Tranent and Preston Village Cricket Club (£1,500), and Saltire Team Gymnastics (£2,000).

Electricity generated by the offshore wind farm, to be located 15 kilometres from the Angus coastline, will be brought to shore in East Lothian at a new substation being constructed on the site of the former coal-fired Cockenzie Power Station.

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