**Regeneration Capital Grant Fund 2025 - 2026**

## Expression of Interest

West Dunbartonshire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from local groups that are interested in applying to the Scottish Government’s Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF).

The Council anticipates the next round of Regeneration Capital Grants Fund for financial year 2025/2026 will open in Spring 2024. The Fund is designed to support locally developed, place-based physical regeneration projects in deprived and disadvantaged areas across Scotland.

West Dunbartonshire Council is able to apply to the RCGF on behalf of community groups or organisations, if projects meet the set funding criteria.

Please note, community organisations cannot and should not apply to the Scottish Government directly for RCGF funding.

Projects should be able to demonstrate:

* a focus on disadvantaged areas
* clear community involvement
* the positive impact this would have for local people
* additional outside investment.

There is no set minimum project award or cost, but we encourage any bid to be a minimum of £100k as the Fund favours more transformational projects. The project must meet all of the funding criteria in order to be eligible, and organisations that can demonstrate match funding will be looked on favourably.

So that we can provide you with further guidance and support during the application process, you should submit the below EOI form, providing headline details of your proposed funding bid.

This is not an application form and will not be treated as such. Once we have received your EOI, we will contact you to discuss your project further and to discuss application timescales once these have been confirmed.

Please note, you must answer the gateway criteria questions for your EOI to be considered. If you answer NO to any of these questions, your project idea would not be taken forward to the application development stage as it is likely to be ineligible for RCGF funding.

Please complete and return this form to [regeneration@west-dunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:regeneration@west-dunbarton.gov.uk) by Midnight on Sunday 31 March 2024.

## Gateway Criteria

The following questions must be completed. If you answer ‘No’ to one or more of these questions, your EOI will be rejected, and your project will not be explored further by West Dunbartonshire Council for RCGF, or taken to the RCGF application development stage. Please complete this form electronically and submit by email to [regeneration@west-dunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:regeneration@west-dunbarton.gov.uk)

| **Gateway Criteria** | **Tick appropriate box** | |
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| 1. **Are you a constituted group, incorporated organisation or social enterprise?**   Constituted groups usually have a formal structure and a set of written rules (a constitution) about what the group intends to do and how you intend to operate, including how money is managed.  OR  Incorporated organisations or social enterprises will have a legal structure, such as a charity registered with the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) or a Company Limited by Guarantee with a social mission. | Yes | No |
| 1. **Is your project primarily aimed at providing new infrastructure or enhancing/upgrading existing infrastructure?**   Infrastructure refers to physical structures. Examples include buildings, active travel routes, community halls, gardens, allotments/growing space or other community spaces. | Yes | No |
| 1. **Is your project seeking capital funding?**   Capital funding is used to purchase or upgrade fixed assets such as land and buildings.  Running costs associated with community assets/buildings are not eligible.  Moveable infrastructure such as furnishings and fittings are not eligible. | Yes | No |
| 1. **If successful, would your project spend funding (or have works contracts signed) by end March 2026?** | Yes | No |
| 1. **Is your project based within West Dunbartonshire?**   WDC can only apply to RCGF for projects based within West Dunbartonshire. If your project idea is based elsewhere in Scotland, you should contact your local authority. | Yes | No |

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| **About your organisation** |  |
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| **Organisation name**  Please include the lead applicant if this is a joint project |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Lead contact (name)** |  |
| **Position in organisation** |  |
| **Contact email address** |  |

| **Tell us about your project** |  |
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| **Project title** |  |
| **Project location** |  |
| **What will your project do?**  Please provide a short summary of what your project is aiming to deliver, no more than 300 words.  Please note that RCGF funding is not intended to be a primary source of funding for housing projects, major transport projects, hotel or retail developments or flood protection works.  Running costs for buildings or community assets are not eligible. |  |
| **Who will benefit from your project?**  Please provide a short summary of who your project will benefit most, and how you have consulted with the local community. |  |
| **How much will your project cost?**  There is no set minimum funding award. However, based on previous awards, we would be looking to support projects seeking funds of around £100,000 or more. |  |
| **Do you have match funding in place? Please detail**  Projects that can demonstrate match funding will be looked on favourably by the RCGF investment panel. |  |
| **If required, do you have design proposals in place, planning permissions secured etc?**  Please provide details of what design work you have done so far, and if you have begun the planning process for your project. |  |

Organisations are also encouraged to supply the following alongside the completed EOI form:

* Details of site ownership
* Project plans or drawings
* Business plans or feasibility study
* Any relevant photographs