CAIRNGORMS TRUST

Funding for communities across the Cairngorms National Park

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We are a trusted, bold, and collaborative partner, led by and shaped with communities across the Cairngorms National Park, supporting them to bring about impactful and long-lasting positive change.

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Funding awarded since 2014

£5.3million

Funding for Community Led Local Development

£100,000

Youth funding

£900,000

Other funds

Communities & Cultural Heritage Fund

In 2025/6 **£65,000** was distributed to **11 projects** across the Park

Funding priorities:

- **A culturally vibrant community**
- **A social connected community**



What does this mean?

- **A socially connected community** – projects that support communities to be happy, healthy, accessible & inclusive *e.g. improving facilities, amenities, spaces & events.*
- **A culturally vibrant community** – projects that support & celebrate the unique identity & heritage of communities *e.g. archives, traditional arts & crafts, skill-building.*

Who can apply?

- Community Councils, Community Development Trusts, other community organisations located in the Cairngorms National Park.
- Community Interest Companies, sole traders, micro-businesses whose project beneficiaries must be communities within the National Park.

C&CH 2026/7 Fund timeline

There is a fund of £50,000 available for 2026/7.

Current round:

- Trustee decision meeting mid November
- **Offers** will go out in the last week of November

Second round:

- Open for **Expressions of Interest** until **1 December**
- **Applications** invited from **15 December**
- Deadline for applications **11 January 2027**
- **Offers** will go out last week of February

Projects to be completed within 1 year of date of offer

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Community Led Vision Fund

- A dedicated funding scheme supporting rural communities within the Cairngorms National Park
- **£1,328,986** was distributed between 2022-25, supporting **87** projects across the Park
- The **5th** funding round is now open for 2026/27





Funding for young people

- The Trust distributes funds to young people through its youth arm, the **Cairngorms Youth Local Action Group**
- This group of young people aged 16-30, passionate about the environment and their local communities, come together to inspire and empower other young people across the Park.
- The group invites applications and **makes funding decisions** on projects for young people or by young people (or both!).
- **£100,000 funding given out to100 Projects**



A big THANK YOU to our supporters & partners

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