



## **THE ENCHANTED FOREST COMMUNITY FUND GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS 2026**

The Enchanted Forest Community Fund is a grant-making arm of The Enchanted Forest Community Trust. The funds that are being distributed in 2026 are the proceeds from the 2025 show “Luminara”.

### **About the trust**

The Enchanted Forest Community Trust is a registered charity, which is solely responsible for the distribution of funds to the Highland Perthshire area, derived from the successful operation of The Enchanted Forest event.

This has been done every year since 2015 through the generation of economic wealth and the redistribution of event proceeds to smaller local community groups and charities.

The Charitable Purposes of the Trust are primarily, but not exclusively, to benefit the communities of Highland Perthshire defined by postcode districts PH8, PH9, PH15, PH16, PH17 and PH18.

The Enchanted Forest, Scotland’s game-changing sound and light show, is the primary source of income for The Enchanted Forest Community Trust.

**The stated aim of the Trust is to carry out activities that directly benefit the community. Specific objectives to meet this aim are stated as:**

- Support and provide quality events, which enhance and celebrate the natural cultural resources in the Pitlochry area.
- To encourage participation of all ages in a programme of quality events and activities.
- To promote long-term sustainable growth for the benefit of the community.
- To promote the cultural, social and environmental aspects of the Pitlochry area to local, national and international audiences.
- To provide opportunities for training, life-long learning and employment thereby increasing the skills base in the Pitlochry area.
- To share best practice and collaboration with key agencies and other groups in similar fields.
- To reduce our impact on the environment and climate change.

### **General Guidance Notes**

EFCF (The Enchanted Forest Community Fund) has developed one application form for applying for the grants in 2026.

You should answer every question however if there is a section that does not apply to you then please insert N/A (not applicable) in the space.

This is an online form and must be completed online. No alternative submission formats will be considered.

### Criteria for applying to the EFCF

1. You must be a registered charity or a community interest company. If you are not, the form will not let you proceed with your application and you should look at our Discretionary Donations programme as an alternative funding route.
2. You must operate within Highland Perthshire.
3. Your project for which you are seeking the grant for must be located within Highland Perthshire.
4. You must fulfil at least 2 outcomes identified below.

### SECTION 1 – Contact Details

#### Main Contact

Details of the person who will be our main point of contact and answer any queries during the assessment process. We will also need their direct telephone number and email address. Depending on the size of the organisation, this may be a Trustee, Chief Executive, Manager or Fundraising staff.

#### Legal Name of organisation

This is the name on your governing document that matches the name on your accounts and bank statements, and your Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) or Charity Commission entry. If you are commonly known by another name, please tell us.

#### Organisation Main Office and Website Address

The main office address for the organisation together with your postcode, telephone number and website address (if applicable).

### SECTION 2 – About Your Organisation

#### Charity Number and Year Established

To apply for funding from the EFCF you must be a charity registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) or a registered community interest company (CIC). Please provide your charity number, which we will check with OSCR, and the year in which the charity was established. Please also provide your Company number if applicable.

This section provides an opportunity to tell us about your organisation and its main aims; who your beneficiaries are; and describe the range of services you provide to support them.

In this section please also provide the financial reserves that your organisation currently holds.

### SECTION 3: Project / reasons for applying for the grant

#### Levels of Funding

You are able to apply for one of our four levels of funding.

Level 1: 0 - £500

Level 2: £500 - £2000

Level 3: £2000 - £5000

Level 4: £5000 - £10000

Please note the level of funding you are requesting, actual amount and the reasons for the amount.

If you are seeking Level 4 funding £5000 - £10000 please ensure that you submit your most current financial accounts.

### **Project you are seeking the grant for:**

Please provide details of the project you are funding, when and where will it take place, overall cost of the project, how the community will benefit and how you have identified your beneficiaries. When you are looking to fill this section please note the desired outcomes that are highlighted in this document and what we are looking for and see how this ties in with your request.

## **SECTION 4: Outcomes**

In this section please directly match and quantify at least two of the EFCF listed outcomes and give a direct correlation between those and your project highlighting how the grant will help you achieve those.

### **Key outcomes your project should achieve with the EFCF grant**

1. Help the people in need with the cost of living crisis in the Highland Perthshire area.
2. Help with battling child poverty and focus on child welfare
3. Increased inclusion, enablement, independence, mental health and wellbeing.
4. Increased access to employment, volunteering, learning, culture, sport, and leisure opportunities.
5. Improved infrastructure that benefits the community.
6. Promotion of sustainability through best practices.

**Please make sure to fulfil at least 2 of the outcomes in your application.**

## **SECTION 5: Bank Details and Declaration**

The application form should be signed by one of the following people - Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, or Chief Executive Officer. The grant application form must be submitted electronically in MS Word format and we will accept an electronic signature. Please ensure that you provide correct bank details.

## **Help and Support**

Your application should be submitted via the online form on our website here:

<https://www.enchantedforest.org.uk/community/>

The form will close to entries at 5pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

The form link is: <https://forms.office.com/e/ctJB0EkWiv?origin=lprLink>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Community Fund via email to [communityfund@enchantedforest.org.uk](mailto:communityfund@enchantedforest.org.uk)