



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

CROWN ESTATE REVENUES FUND (CERF): YEAR 5 **Eligibility Criteria and Guidance**

The allocation to each ward will be £75,000 in Year 5.

To be eligible to apply to the Fund, the following criteria must be met

Eligible Applicants

- properly constituted community groups
- charities
- voluntary and social enterprises
- co-operatives and community ownership initiatives
- development trusts

Eligibility Criteria

Projects must be able to demonstrate that they address one of the following priorities:

- alignment with one of the themes within the Outer Hebrides Economic Recovery Strategy
 - community recovery
 - digital recovery
 - green recovery
- improves community resilience
- delivers positive climate and net zero impacts
- impacts on the challenges of depopulation

Each project must also be able to demonstrate that it:

- is viable and sustainable
- offers value for money
- is additional to present activity
- has local support and local benefit
- is environmentally sustainable and seeks to mitigate, adapt or build resilience to climate change
- has considered equality issues; and
- has ensured that value for money has been achieved by proper quotations for work and proper Procurement procedures have been carried out.

Intervention Rates

The normal intervention rate is expected to be 50%. Based on the principles of community empowerment, however, the final consideration and decision-making regarding the level of intervention will be a matter for local community fora and Elected Members.

APPLICATION FORM GUIDANCE

The purpose of this application form is to provide information on the Project you are developing and to apply for funding from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar - Crown Estate Revenues Fund (CERF).

Section – Application & Project Details

Please select your Ward Area and contact details of the person who will deal with your application & a group email address – we do not accept personal email addresses – as personnel within groups change so frequently.

Please provide a brief description of your Project. This should include reference to how the project relates to one or a number of the priorities indicated below.

- alignment with one of the themes within the Outer Hebrides Economic Recovery Strategy
 - community recovery
 - digital recovery
 - green recovery
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Please also demonstrate local community support for your project in this section.

Section – Social & Economic Regeneration

Please indicate by stating yes or no whether your Projects meets the criteria listed.

Section – Outer Hebrides Economic Regeneration Strategy

Please indicate by stating yes or no whether your Projects meets the criteria listed.

Please check the criteria.

Please show link to local priorities

Please provide information on how the project fits with Comhairle priorities/Corporate Strategy, OH Economic Recovery Strategy, Community Wealth Building principles.

Section- Funding

Please provide information on the total cost of your Project.

Please provide information on any funding that you have already secured.

Please provide details of any other organisations that you have approached for funding and the amount you have requested.

Please provide details of the funding you are requesting from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

Please indicate when the project will be completed and the funding you received spent.

Section 6

Please provide details of Forum or Group to which the funding should be paid.

Please submit a copy of your constitution, copy of your Bank Statement and a statement of quotes for your project if this is relevant.

Section 7

Please provide the groups bank details.

Please indicate if the Bank Details provide are the ones currently held with Creditors (if you have previously received funding from CNES, is it the same bank account that you are providing details for).

It should be a Company/Business Bank Account that is provided.

Section 8

Please describe the impacts and outputs of your project and how you will evaluate them.

For further information or queries – email crown.estate@cne-siar.gov.uk