

# Ireland Community Investment Review

2023/24







# Foreword

SSE Renewables continues to be one of the leading developers and operators of onshore wind in Ireland, and 2023/24 was a memorable year in the delivery of new onshore wind. In December 2023, our 33MW Lenalea Wind Farm, a joint venture with FuturEnergy Ireland, entered operations and is now delivering clean, green electricity to the grid. Our 101MW Yellow River Wind Farm in County Offaly continues to make progress, with turbine installation beginning in January 2024, and construction on track to be completed this year.

We have been successfully sharing the value of our renewable assets with local communities for over 20 years. We have marked this significant milestone by enhancing our funding strategy to focus on lasting impact for local communities. As we embed our enhanced approach, we are proud to be working with the Offaly and Donegal communities to ensure their new Lenelea and Yellow River community funds will achieve impact on local priorities and guarantee the decisions are made by local people.

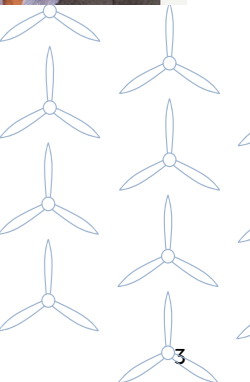
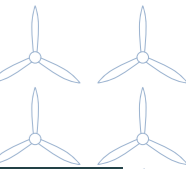
As we look ahead, we're pleased to reflect on the progress that we've made in 2023/34, with the grant of planning permission from An Bord Pleanála for Sheskin Wind Farm in Co. Mayo, part of our joint venture with FuturEnergy Ireland. We're also continuing to making progress with our flagship Arklow Bank Wind Park 2 project, which was submitted to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission in June of this year. Should these projects be delivered, they will be critical to the delivery of Ireland's 2030 climate targets, as well as generating meaningful impact for neighbouring communities and local economies.

**Stephen Wheeler**  
Managing Director,  
SSE Renewables

The support of 268 community projects in Ireland in 2023/24 exemplifies the positive relationship which is created between energy and communities.

Residents are pivotal to the transition to net zero and 27% of awards in the last year have focused on affordable and clean energy which show that communities are acting, the breadth of projects range from electric vehicles and insulation to green skills. The introduction of multi-year funding to the community funds has enabled larger and more transformational projects to be supported from improving local housing to developing community hubs.

**Mark Ennis**  
SSE Ireland Chairman





# Funder's review

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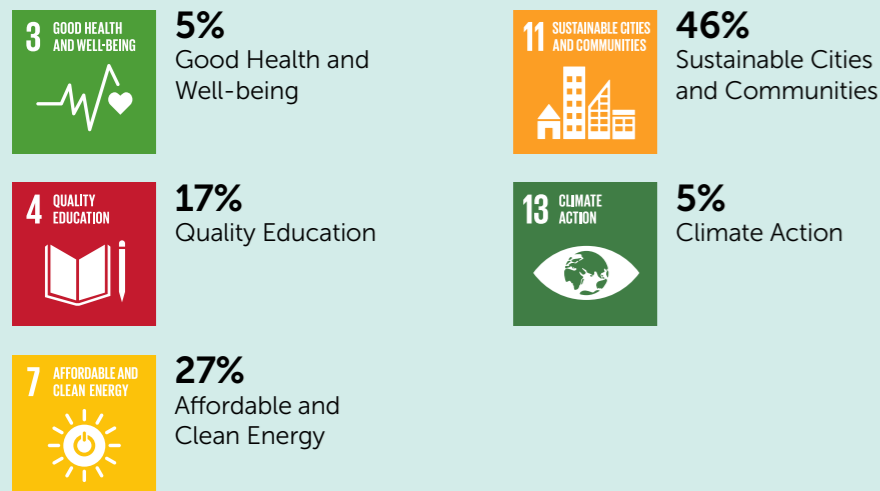
€ **€12.3 million**  
total investment in Ireland

 **268** community groups  
supported in 2023/2024

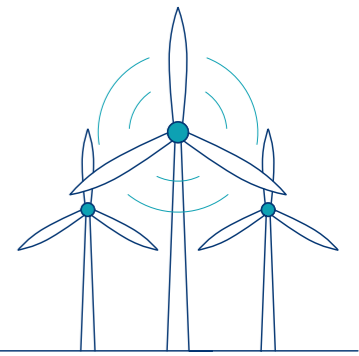
 **17** scholarships awarded  
in 2023/2024

 **€905,682**  
invested in local communities

## Supporting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals



# Achieving our priorities



SSE Renewables has continued to enhance the delivery of our community funds in 2023/24. We have marked our 20th year of investing in communities and we have focused on several priorities to ensure the funds provide impact for Irish communities.

**Lenalea** - We have continued to develop the new community fund which will support the central Donegal communities. Over the past year we have recruited and trained a panel of local community members to make up the community benefit committee (p9). This committee will ensure all funding decisions are made by local people for the benefit of the local community.

**Yellow River** - We have successfully completed a community needs assessment and community consultation with the County Offaly community (p8). This exercise is the foundation of ensuring that the community fund focuses on projects that achieve local priorities. A community committee has been formed and they will be responsible for appraising funding applications and subsequently awarding the funds.

**Funding strategy** - following a consultation with grant holders, a new funding strategy has been developed for our existing community benefit funds. The strategy focuses on lasting and transformational projects. We have also introduced multi-year funding which will allow for larger projects which will have a longer term impact in the community (p5).

**Data management** - We have implemented a new grant management system (p10). We have worked closely with the developers, Bluewave, and software provider, Salesforce, to develop a robust and community focused grant management system which enables all data to be captured safely and securely.

2024/25

## Priorities

In 2024/25 SSE Renewables will focus on the following priorities for the community funds:

**Galway Major Projects Fund** - we have launched the next round of the fund to support transformational projects which provide a legacy for the Galway communities.

**New funds** - The first rounds of both the Lenelea Community Fund and the Yellow River Community Fund will open for applications with all decisions being made by the local panels.

**Arklow Bank Wind Farm 2** - we will increase our engagement with the local County Wicklow community to ensure that initial actions are progressed to deliver a lasting legacy community fund for the offshore wind farm.

**RESS** - we will continue to liaise with the Irish Government to ensure that the future rounds of Renewable Electricity Support Scheme provide clarity and impact for local communities.





# Nurturing children

**€9,200**  
Awarded from Cavan and Monaghan Community Fund



## Rainbow Kids Playgroup CLG

Across all community funds a priority which is repeatedly identified by residents is ensuring there are opportunities for young people. It is recognised that children are the future of the community and investing in their well-being will help the community for decades to come. Children's provision is also important for communities as it helps attract young families to live in the area.

The community of Kill near the Bindoo Wind Farm was struggling to support working parents as there was no wrap-around care for school aged children. The local playgroup worked with parents and children to re-purpose a local property into an after-school haven.

40 children now benefit from a range of educational, social, and recreational activities to widen their interests and learning. A key component of the new site is the nature garden with wildflowers, nesting boxes and raised beds for organic vegetable planting. The garden is maintained by the children and helps instill a love and responsibility for nature from a young age.

'As a result of the funding we received from SSE Renewables, we have made safe areas to play with fencing, gates and artificial grass.'

Siobhan McKenna, Chairperson Rainbow Kids Playgroup

# Providing lasting legacy

## Kantoher Development Association

SSE Renewables has introduced a new funding strategy in Ireland to ensure the funds create a legacy. One of the changes introduced is providing multi-year funding which provides greater certainty for anchor organisations and provides the investment required to provide long-term impact.

A five-year award to Kantoher Development Association has enabled them to transform a derelict building into a thriving community hub. The early commitment from the West Limerick and North Kerry Community Fund helped attract €700,000 match funding.

The hub provides a portfolio of social and recreational activities to benefit all ages of the community. The project has been important to revitalise a local eye-sore into a thriving community asset. The project has also considered its environmental impact and has energy efficiency measures to reduce carbon emissions.

**€100,000**  
Awarded from West Limerick & North Kerry Community Fund



'The vision is to make the community more inclusive and help tackle pressing social challenges such as rural isolation. With the help of SSE Renewables, we are continuing to develop the community and breathing new life into a neglected space.'

Joe Kelleher, Secretary, Kantoher Development Group

# Enhancing community parks

## Corribdale Grounds Committee Ltd

Recreational spaces can be vital for local communities. They provide a healthy space for residents of all ages to gather and enjoy the local nature.

The well utilised site in Oughterard, Galway had not had significant investment for over 15 years. To ensure the facilities continue to meet the needs of future generations the volunteer committee established an ambitious enhancement plan to create an improved multi-generational site. The playpark has been enhanced with a new zipline which should last for 20 years, the walking paths have been resurfaced so that they can be accessed by all ability levels and a new tennis facility is being created to provide sports facilities for all ages and abilities. The new facilities will benefit 6,000 residents.



**€10,000**  
Awarded from Galway Local Community Fund



'Making Corribdale Park safe for use wouldn't have been possible without funding from the Galway Wind Park Community Fund.'

Gerry Gibbons, Secretary, Corribdale Grounds Committee

# Supporting the elderly

## Millstreet and District Housing Association

A key concern for many elderly residents of rural areas is how they continue to live in their local community as they grow older. The provision of affordable and adapted housing is vital to responding to the needs of an ageing population.

The Millerstreet Centre in County Cork has provided a safe home for elderly residents for over thirty years but needed renovations to ensure it remained safe and secure.

The Coomacheo and Curragh Community Fund has provided €28,238 over the last five years to improve the safety and energy efficiency of the homes. The new provision has helped eight homes to be reinvigorated and has reduced energy bills for pensioners.



**€9,738**  
Awarded from the Coomacheo and Curragh Community Fund



The provision has enabled residents to continue living near their families and friends and ensures the community benefits from the contributions of people of all ages.

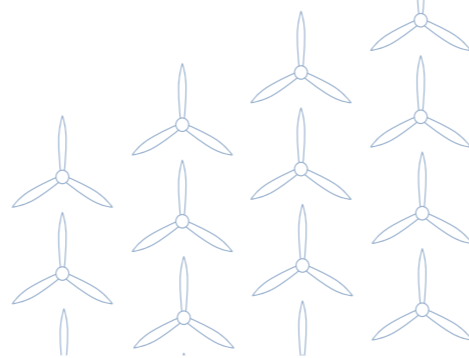
'We're delighted to be receiving funding from SSE Renewables as this will enable us to totally upgrade our semi-sheltered housing complex. Over the past five years SSE Renewables has awarded us funding to upgrade the windows and doors which give the elderly and vulnerable in these houses enhanced security and lower heating bills.'

Maire O' Sullivan, Manager, Millstreet Centre



# Consulting with local communities

## Yellow River Community Fund



# Yellow River Community Fund

Yellow River Wind Farm is a 29-turbine 101MW development, in Rhode, Co. Offaly. It is currently in construction and has the potential to power 66,000 homes with green, renewable energy. Based on industry best practice, and in line with Government policy, SSE Renewables has completed an extensive community consultation process, to identify the needs and opportunities within the local community. This will ensure that the new community benefit fund focuses on local needs and achieves local priorities, while embedding the UN Sustainable Development Goals into their projects in a meaningful way.

Across 2023 eight community events were held with the local community, including focused elderly and youth forums to seek the views of people of all ages. The in-person events were supplemented by online surveys to ensure the views of a wide range of residents were secured.

The findings of the needs assessment highlighted that the local area has a strong community spirit and benefits from a rich culture and heritage. It was recognised the area has some derelict buildings and a lack of diversity of facilities. There is concern in the area about retaining volunteers and the cost of living. This exercise provided clarity on where the community fund can add best value to the local area.

During the consultation, the residents identified their priorities for the new fund, and these will include developing inclusive community facilities and projects, increasing educational opportunities and improving health and wellbeing for residents.

An independent panel to make funding decisions has been identified and will be inducted in 2024 before the first round of the fund is launched in 2025.

# Community led decision making

## Lenalea Community Fund

Lenalea Wind Farm is a seven turbine 30.1 MW site in County Donegal. It is a joint venture between SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland. The wind farm is able to generate enough low carbon renewable energy to power 20,000 homes. Following a successful community consultation in 2022 and 2023 the community have been supported to establish a community committee comprising local representatives to make the funding decisions.

Establishing local decision making ensures the projects funded meet local priorities and needs. By local representatives being empowered to make the decisions it increases the funds transparency and creates a longer legacy for the area. In late 2023 an open recruitment event was held to inform the community of the roles and responsibilities of the local committee. It was confirmed that committee members would need to commit to up to seven meetings per year and would need to undertake an induction programme and complete anti bribery training. The interested residents completed a short application



and interview process and a panel of eleven residents was selected based on their experience. A key commitment will be achieved by having a young person represented on the panel. The panel members will serve for three years which ensures other interested residents can serve in the future. The community fund will now open for applications in winter 2024.

# Enhancing the grant management experience

SSE Renewables recognise our responsibility to look after the data shared by applicants. To ensure we meet the highest standards of data protection and to enhance the user experience of applicants we have implemented a new online Community Investment Portal.

### How to create an account

To create an account and log in to the Community Investment Portal, please visit <https://ssecommunity.my.site.com/s/login/> and click on 'not registered?'. You will then be asked to enter your name and e-mail address. Once you have done this, click 'sign up'. You will then be sent an e-mail to the e-mail address that you entered. Please check for the e-mail and follow the instructions within it. The username will be the e-mail address plus '.sse' at the end.

### How to apply for a grant

You can find information on the funding SSE Renewables make available to communities at <https://www.sserenewables.com/communities>. Once you have found the fund you wish to apply to click on the button 'Apply' on the webpage for the fund. You will be taken to SSE's Community Investment Portal and presented with a set of pre-application eligibility questions. If you are eligible to apply you will be taken to the application form for the fund.



You will be able to work through the application process and will be able to save your version if you do not want to submit it straight away.

You can return to a draft application or check the status of a submitted application by logging into the Community Investment Portal and clicking on 'my applications'.

### How to manage a successful grant award

You can view information on your grant award(s) by logging into the Community Investment Portal and clicking on the 'my grants' section. You will also be able to view any outstanding conditions against your grant and any reports that we require in relation to your grant.

You can access the Community Investment Portal from the QR code.





# Funding Awards 2023/24

## The Cavan and Monaghan Community Fund

The Cavan and Monaghan Community Fund distributes wind powered funding on behalf of Gartnane, Mullananalt and Bindoo Wind Farms. The fund awarded c.€106,466 in 2023/24 to community groups within 20km of the wind farms.



COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Kill Football Club	To install a 8kw PV system on the roof of the dressing rooms.	€10,000
Rainbow Kids Playgroup CLG	To complete the provision of afterschool services.	€9,500
Carrickallen Development Association	To undertake phase 2 of the LED lighting upgrades in the Community Hall.	€6,855
Ballyhaise Development Association	To install 5.74kW Solar PV system and storage batteries on roof of Community Centre.	€5,000
Drumgoon Community Centre Co-Operative Society Ltd	To increase the Solar PV panel system from 13 to 23 extra 4kw of generation.	€4,000
Cavan Beekeepers Association	To undertake excavation works at the Apiary at Ballyhaise College.	€3,000
Kilmount Presbyterian Church	To insulate the internal walls of the church on a phased basis.	€2,750
Mountainlodge Defibrillator Association	To replace existing outdoor heated cabinets and replace all expired batteries and pads in existing devices.	€2,200
St Michaels National School	To purchase a defibrillator and provide training in the use of the defibrillator.	€2,075
Darley National School	To replace 3 x external doors.	€2,000
Drumgoon Hill Old Graveyard Maintenance and Support Group	To provide support for a 3rd level student.	€2,000
Cootehill Youth Club	To develop a swim safely programme.	€1,500
Cootehill Women's Hen Shed	To purchase a sound system and projector for groups events.	€1,500
Kill Community Alert	To provide a summer outing for senior citizens.	€1,000
Drumgoon Parish	To replace broken and loose 1929 mosaic tiles.	€1,000
Cootehill Presbyterian Church	To replace broken panes in metal framed windows.	€750
Tullycorbet Community Development Association	To install a 5kw PV solar system with smart meters, an immersion diverter and 3.5 KW battery.	€9,500
Bailieborough Shamrock Gaelic Football Club	To insulate walls and ceiling and install new triple glaze window systems.	€6,000
Knockbride East Primary School	To create a safe multi use play area.	€3,000
Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board	To purchase outdoor seating pods.	€2,000
St Patricks NS Shercock	To install a playscape for the yard.	€1,500
Bailieborough Swimming & Leisure Centre CLG	To install push button operated doors.	€1,000
Bunoe Senior Social Club	To organise trips for elderly members.	€500
Maudabawn Community Alert	To organise Summer trips for the elderly in the community.	€500
Bailieborough Heritage Society	To support the tidy up of the old cemetery.	€500
Bailieborough Walking Group	To purchase 45 branded High Visible vests.	€420

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Moybologue Historical Society	To install 3 x Bat roosting boxes and 1 x Owl nest box in the graveyard.	€416
Latton Social Services & Development CLG	To install PV Panels.	€6,000
Cavan and Monaghan Education and Training Board	To install a water station in Castleblaney College.	€2,000
Drumhowan Community Group	To establish water harvesting to collect rainwater.	€2,000
Doohamlet Community & Resource Centre CLG	To replace catering equipment.	€1,500
Corduff Raferagh Community Association CLG	To replace 5 x double wooden doors with energy efficient PCV doors.	€1,500
Ballybay Central School	To furnish a sensory space in the school.	€1,500
Irish Countrywomens Association Ballybay Guild	To create a felt making workshop.	€500
Corduff Handball Club	To purchase compulsory PPE equipment.	€500
Drumgoon Community Centre Co-Operative Society Ltd	To add a mud kitchen to the outdoor area of the afterschool space.	€500





## Coomacheo & Curragh Wind Farms Community Fund

The Coomacheo and Curragh Community Fund awarded c.€120,228 in 2023/24 to community groups within 20km of the wind farms.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Millstreet & District Housing	To upgrade 4 windows and front doors to triple glazing in two houses.	€9,738
Millstreet GAA Club	To renew electric cabling and install LED lighting.	€ 7,500
Clondrohid Community Recreational Facilities Ltd	To repair sections of the 12 year old astro pitch and upgrade works.	€7,000
Presentation National School Millstreet	To upgrade fascia and soffit and replace cavity insulation.	€6,242
Rylane Celtic AFC	To install 10m high ball stop netting system.	€5,000
St. John's GAA	To upgrade for car park facilities for improved access and safety.	€2,000
Carranima Community Committee	To install wheelchair accessible front door and fire exit.	€1,950
Millstreet Parish	To purchase and install a Defibrillator.	€1,895

## Coomatalin Wind Farm

The Coomatalin Community Fund awarded c.€11,748 in 2023/24 to community groups within 20km of the wind farm.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Drinagh Rangers	To install bathroom and dressing room upgrades.	€4,000
Drinagh National School	To purchase a 7m Geo Dome for the school garden.	€3,000
Drinagh Community Association	To replace 3 old wooden picnic tables with recycled plastic tables.	€2,000
Reenascreena Road Bowling Club	To run tournaments and events.	€1,000
Sam Maguires GAA Club	To provide football training equipment and jerseys.	€1,000
Christ Church Drinagh	To provide local community information boards.	€748

## Corneen Wind Farm

The Corneen Community Fund awarded c.€10,000 in 2023/24 to community groups within 20km of the wind farm.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Cavan Monaghan Education and Training Board	To improve school garden.	€3,000
Templeport GAA Club	To install a disabled pathway and provide access to toilet/ changing facilities.	€3,000
St. Mogue's National School	To upgrade lighting.	€1,000
St. Aidan's National School	To improve school garden.	€1,000
Bawnboy Tidy Towns	To enhance old disused petrol pumps.	€1,000
Bawnboy Men's Shed	To purchase storage container.	€1,000

## Kingsmountain & Dunneill Wind Farms Community Fund

The Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Fund awarded c.€19,500 in 2023/24 to projects within 20km of the wind farms.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Kilglass Enniscrone United FC	To create a walkway around the pitch.	€3,500
Stokane Community Park Company	To install a retractable goal post provide wheelchair accessibility and purchase leaf blower.	€3,000
17th Sligo Tireragh Scout Scouting Ireland	To purchase portable solar portable lights and a trailer.	€2,900
Sligo Area Water Safety Committee	To purchase life saving surfing equipment.	€ 2,500
Dromore West Community Council Ltd	To fit protective steel cage for recently fitted solar panels and tables for the hall.	€2,000
Killeenduff National School	To create raised beds for the school garden.	€2,000
Easkey Community Council CLG	To upgrade oil radiators with electric ones.	€2,000
Highpark School Parents Association	To replace old lights with LED bulbs.	€1,800
Dromore Villa AFC	To replace goal post.	€1,500
Easkey Enhancement Association	To provide noticeboards for the town.	€1,500
Kilglass Community Council CLG	To purchase play equipment for the party room.	€1,500
Skreen Dromard Development CLG	To replace fluorescent lights with LED lighting.	€1,475
Country Markets Ltd.	To replace specialist window in Beltra Hall.	€1,000
Templeboy Foroige Club	To purchase equipment for the club.	€720
Dromore west Sings	To support next year's concert.	€500
Skreen & Dromard Community Care Committee.	To run a senior citizens programme.	€500
Ladies Brae Ladies Group	To run a gardening project and outings for the group.	€500
Men's Shed Dromore West	To purchase garden tools for the shed	€426
Dromore West Central National School	To upgrade percolation area to prevent flooding .	€3,400
Dromore West Graveyard	To fit lights in the graveyard.	€3,000
Old School House Templeboy	To replace old electric heaters.	€2,500
St. Mary's Kilmacshalgan	To fund second phase of roof repairs.	€2,500
TARA Templeboy Aghris Rural Action	To provide funding towards planting.	€2,000
Tireragh Community Support Ltd.	To purchase new radiators for the hall.	€2,000
Mayo Beekeepers Association - Dromore West Branch	To upgrade the hives in the wind farm and hold an information day in Dromore West Community Centre.	€1,600
St. Farnan's GAA Club	To purchase a water dispenser and reusable bottles project for the club.	€1,500
West Sligo Young at Heart	To run a senior citizens programme.	€500
The Felting Word Group	To run a craft programme.	€500

## Knockastanna Wind Farm

The Knockastanna Community Fund awarded c.€18,718 in 2023/24 to community groups within 20km of the wind farm.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Bilboa National School	To install astra turf.	€5,000
Sean Treacy GAA Club	To install safety lighting and resurface the carpark.	€5,000
Doon GAA Club	To install disabled spaces in club carpark.	€2,000
Cappawhite National School	To install safety mats in the school yard.	€1,500
Rearcross National School	To install safety fencing around the tennis court.	€1,500
Cullen Lattin AFC	To upgrade the picnic area in the village.	€1,353
Knockbrittas Foilmahonmore Residents Assoc	To hire hedge trimming team.	€1,000
Cullen LattinTidy Towns	To purchase fertiliser machine.	€800
Curreeny Community Hall	To resurface the carpark.	€565

## Richfield Wind Farm

The Richfield Community Fund awarded c.€33,966 in 2023/24 to community groups within 20km of the wind farms.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Kilmore Community Hall	To purchase energy efficient equipment and upgrade the Community Hall kitchen.	€3,000
Write By The Sea	To create a new community-focused project.	€3,000
Mayglass School	To replace two classroom doors.	€3,000
St Anne's GAA Club	To add a bug hotel and bee hive to the biodiversity area.	€3,000
Kilmore GAA Club	To install 2 x ballstop nets.	€3,000
Rathangan School Board - St. Annes NS	To replace external lights around the perimeter walls of the school.	€2,724
Tomhaggard Community Development Group	To replace all existing indoor and outdoor lights with energy efficient LED Lighting and install a Bike Rack.	€2,578
Wexford Sub Aqua Club CLG	To carry out essential training and boat repairs.	€2,500
Kilmore Quay Community Development Association CLG	To replace catering equipment.	€2,500
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	To train 1 new lifeboat crew in Kilmore Quay and purchase a portable PA system for station events.	€2,486
Kilmore National School	To purchase 4 iPads to develop and participate in an immerse thematic project .	€2,378
St Fintans GAA Club	To install 4 light tower pads for pitch lighting.	€2,000
Duncormick GPA	To provide a safe haven for wildlife.	€900
Rathangan Youth Club Wexford	To purchase additional equipment.	€900

## Meentycat Community Fund

The Meentycat Community Fund distributes wind powered funding on behalf of Meentycat, Meentycat Extension and Culligh Wind Farms. The fund awarded c.€94,694 in 2023/24 to community groups within 20km of the wind farms.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Ballybofey & Stranorlar Integrated Community Company Ltd.	To purchase two electrical vehicles for the group.	€8,600
Donegal Centre for Independent Living	To install solar panels.	€8,500
Drumkeen United AFC	To replace floodlights with energy efficient floodlights for the club.	€10,000
Donegal Centre for Independent Living	To install solar panels at the centre.	€8,250
Finn Harps Co-Operative Society Ltd.	To install 18.6kw solar panels & storage battery system.	€6,094
Kilteevogue Parish Account	To install attic & cavity insulation for the hall.	€6,000
Deele College	To purchase gym equipment.	€5,000
Cúram Leanai an Chlochán Faoi Theorainn Rathaiochta	To replace windows for the childcare facility.	€4,000
Curragh Athletic Football Club	To fit external lighting to astra turf pitch.	€3,500
Welchtown National School	To fit insulation of the attic, attic tanks and trap door.	€3,136
Ionad Oidreachta Isaac Butt	To provide bi-lingual signage in Glenfin area.	€3,000
Sean MacCumhailis Minor Board	To upgrade pitch lighting.	€3,000
Ballybofey United Football Club	To purchase stop ball nets for the club.	€3,000
Setanta Hurling Club	To install LED lights at entrance to club house.	€2,500
Gleneely National School	To purchase handball wall and equipment for the school.	€2,375
Twin Towns Amateur Boxing Club	To install lighting for the boxing club.	€2,304
Finn Valley Womens Football Club	To run training programme for the club.	€2,000
Finn Valley Rugby Football Club	To provide training equipment for the club.	€2,000
Gairmscoil Chú Uladh	To replace old lighting with LED bulbs.	€2,000
6th Stranorlar Scouts	To install fire resistant acoustic panelling in the hall.	€2,000
Thiepval Memorial Hall	To purchase new energy efficient LED lights for the car park.	€1,850
Adult Day Centre Comfort Fund	To install wheelchair accessible polytunnel for the day centre.	€1,500
Killygordon National School	To install EV charger at the school.	€1,500
Planet Youth Business Current Account	To purchase computer equipment.	€1,060
Cappry Residents Association	To plant native trees in the area.	€1,000
Raphoe Cathedral Hall Management Committee clg	To fit LED lights in the hall.	€525



# Limerick and North Kerry Community Fund

The Limerick and North Kerry Community Fund distributes wind powered funding on behalf of Dromada, Athea, Tournafulla 1&2, Rathcahill and Leanamore Wind Farms. The fund awarded c.€272,656 in 2023/24 to community groups within 20km of the wind farms.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Feohanagh Castlemahan Resource Centre	To fund multi year payment towards community centre upgrade.	€10,000
Athea GAA Club	To install solar PV panels.	€8,500
Con Colbert Hall Ltd	To install solar PV panels.	€8,500
Abbeyfeale Community Council	To install solar PV panels.	€8,500
Monagea GAA	To install walkway floodlight upgrade to LED lighting.	€5,000
Board of Management Murhur National School - Moyvane NS	To purchase outdoor recycled furniture for the school.	€4,000
Athea Playground	To provide funding for architects, planning & utilities survey.	€3,000
Templeglantine Community Development CLG	To hire engineers to progress planning permission for footbridge linking to the greenway.	€3,000
Board of Mgt Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal	To reseal old school windows.	€3,000
Duagh Sports & Leisure Complex	To purchase energy efficient white goods for the complex kitchen.	€2,800
Duagh National School	To replace energy efficient windows for the school.	€2,380
Mongea Bord na nOg	To purchase ball stop nets for the club.	€2,000
Knocknasna National School	To purchase biodiversity signage for the school garden.	€2,000
Meenkilly National School	To provide insulation and dry lining for the school.	€ 2,000
Kantoher Development Group Tidy Villages Committee	To purchase garden equipment and benches.	€1,800
Athea Community Arts Group	To purchase a circuit maker 3 for the art group.	€681
Castlemahan Resource Centre	To upgrade community centre.	€10,000
Tournafulla Development Association Clg	To repair the roof in the centre.	€7,000
Desmond Ability Resource Complex Ltd	To run a meals on wheels programme.	€6,500
Tournafulla GAA Club	To install replacement electric showers for the club.	€ 6,000
Mahoonagh National School	To replace 5 lobby doors with new energy efficient doors.	€5,000
Tournafulla Community Council Clg	To purchase picnic table & benches and Kompan hand bike.	€ 3,000
Templeglantine GAA	To upgrade the walkway lighting around the pitch.	€3,000
St. Kieran's Community Text Alert	To run a text alert for the community.	€2,000
Carrigkerry Community Centre	To upgrade fluorescent tubes with energy efficient LED bulbs and motion sensors.	€2,000
Knockanure National School	To replace old fluorescent lighting to new LED energy efficient lighting.	€1,821
Ballylongford Playground Development	To develop a MUGA.	€10,000
Tarbert GAA	To upgrade towards energy efficient lighting.	€10,000
Lenamore National School	To replace PVC windows and internal doors with energy efficient units.	€8,000
Failte Isteach Gach Duine Moyvane Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaiochta	To renovate and reopen the Garda Barracks as a public asset.	€7,500
Ballylongford GAA	To remove and reinstate 2 new dug outs.	€5,000
Lenamore Rovers FC	To fit out of the ladies and disability access toilets with ramps and associated works.	€4,000
Moyvane Community Sports Hall Ltd.	To upgrade the lighting in the Sports Hall, changing rooms and car park to energy efficient LED lights.	€4,000
The Abha Bhan Players	To replace existing stage lighting with energy efficient solution.	€4,000
Ballylongford Christmas Lights	To replace village Christmas lights with energy efficient LED lights.	€3,000

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Ballylongford Enterprise Tidy Towns	To purchase power washer, hedge trimmers, strimmers, leave blower and collector.	€3,000
Tarbert Community Care Clg	To purchase raised beds & planters for the communal garden.	€2,070
Tarbert Bridewell Ltd.	To replace the rear courtyard door with energy efficient PVC door.	€2,000
Asdee Community Development Association	To replace Christmas lights with energy efficient LED lights.	€2,000
Ballylongford Enterprise Association	To upgrade to LED lighting in the main hall.	€1,384
Tarbert Development Association Clg	To restore the Mural on the Martime Club Boathouse.	€1,000
Shannonside Tarbert LGFA	To purchase training gear, equipment and jerseys for the new Ladies club.	€1,000
Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Éireann Ballyhahill Branch	To purchase 2 beginners accordians.	€1,000
Clounmacon Community Centre	To perform an energy audit to enable future energy efficiency and safety upgrades.	€500
Moyvane Ladies Football Club	To purchase equipment for the Girls club.	€370
Fr. Casey's GAA Club	To install solar panels for the club.	€8,500
Gaelscoil O'Doghair	To purchase ball stop nets.	€5,000
St. Ita's AFC	To provide pitch drainage.	€3,000
Mountcollins Development Association	To create an impact statement for angling route on river feale.	€2,900
Kiloughteen School	To relocate and modify lighting for car park and bus bay.	€2,350
Mountcollins Community Council	To replace fluorescent lights with LED energy efficient lighting.	€2,000
Abbeyfeale Folk Clg	To install electric heater in the small room attached to the theatre.	€2,000
Kantoher Development Group Company Ltd.	To complete the refurbishment of the Old Tavern into dressing rooms and meeting rooms.	€20,000
Killeedy Eco Park	To install solar panels in the park.	€8,500
Glengort National School	To replace fencing around the playground.	€8,000
Glantine Rovers AFC	To replace old lighting with LED bulbs.	€5,600
Rev Fr O'Gorman Parish Priest for Tournafulla Church	To install lighting in the graveyard.	€ 4,000
Brosna GAA	To install aco drainage and kerbing for the club.	€3,000
Killeedy Hall Management Committee	To restore pine floor in the hall.	€3,000
Raheenagh National School	To add extra ASD classroom at the school.	€2,500
Templeglantine Church	To install lighting in the graveyard.	€2,000
Tournafulla Camogie Club	To purchase ball stop nets.	€2,000
Mountcollins AFC	To upgrade training lights for the club.	€2,000
Mountcollins National School	To install a fire rated door for the school.	€2,000
Killeedy Defibrillator Group	To purchase extra Defibrillator for emergency cover.	€1,000



## Galway Wind Park

Galway Wind Park is a joint venture with Greencoat Renewables. The fund awarded c.€153,385 in 2023/24 to localised projects, large scale transformational projects and runs an annual scholarship programme to support third level students within 15km of the wind park with their tuition fees.

COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD
Scholarship Fund	To provide 17 scholarships.	€44,500
Doon East Enhancement Committee	To complete the final phase of the Rosscahill Killannin Community Pavement Scheme.	€20,000
Corribdale Grounds Committee	To support a playground upgrade.	€10,000
Beara na Forbacha Aontaithe Teoranta	To upgrade clubhouse facilities.	€8,000
Moycullen National School Scoil Mhuire (Moycullen National School BOM)	To provide a sensory room for the school.	€8,000
Oughterard Golf Club	To instal PV solar panels.	€4,500
Kilcummin Church Oughterard	To restore stain glass windows.	€4,000
Domestic Violence Response Galway	To review what services are needed for the older women.	€4,000
Oughterard Community First Responders	To purchase new equipment.	€4,000
Tullyokyne National School	To resurface a playground.	€3,973
Horse Connects	To improve fencing.	€3,000
Tar Isteach Playground	To upgrade a playground.	€3,000
Colaiste Cholmcille (GRET B Galway City)	To purchase laptops for the school.	€3,000
Corrib Basketball Club	To deliver coaching sessions.	€3,000
Newtown National School Moycullen	To upgrade lighting.	€3,000
Forum Connemara CLG	To run an equine therapy programme.	€3,000
Baboro Galway International Children's Festival	To run Phase 2 Lighthouse Project in local Schools.	€3,000
Parents Assoc Scoil Muire Doireglinne	To deliver extra circular activities.	€3,000
Coiste Pairc Spraoi Leitir Mor	To purchase integrated display boards.	€3,000
Naionra an Chnoic Tir an Fhia	To develop a seating area in the naionra.	€3,000
Carroe Judo Club	To purchase extra mats and equipment.	€3,000
Riding for Disabled Ireland Galway RDA	To run an equine therapy programme.	€2,700
Oughterard Boxing Club	To run a boxing classes in conjunction with Enable Ireland for the disabled.	€2,700
Marginalised Residents of Doon East	To provide specialist professional clearing of the ring fort.	€2,500
Sonas Senior Citizens	To support a senior citizens programme.	€2,000
Corrib Computer Training	To run a schools programme.	€2,000
15th Galway Scouts	To purchase a kayak transporter.	€2,000
Clan Resource Centre Oughterard Men's Shed	To purchase tools for the men's shed.	€2,000
Rosscahill ICA	To run classes for the Guild.	€2,000
Clann Community Garden	To instal guttering to a covered area for rain water.	€2,000



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Men's Shed Duiche Sheoige	To purchase a sanding machine to upcycle old bikes.	€2,000
Moycullen Angling Club	To build a shelter for anglers.	€2,000
Oughterard Senior Citizens	To run a senior citizens bingo.	€2,000
Corrib Athletics - Killannin Community Centre	To upgrade a shot putt area.	€2,000
Tooreeny National School Scoil Cholmain Tuairini	To replace old whiteboards.	€2,000
Beile Blasta Maigh Cuilinn	To run a meals and wheels programme.	€2,000
Oughterard Meals on wheels	To run a meals and wheels programme.	€2,000
Cumann Iomanaíochta Mhaigh Cuilinn	To purchase helmets and hurls.	€2,000
Scoil Naisunta Colmcille Leitir Moir	To install new lighting.	€2,000
Oughterard Show Society	To purchase storage units.	€1,850
Galway Mountain Rescue	To upgrade rescue equipment.	€1,682
Coiste an Chillian	To improve displays at Coiste an Chillian.	€1,500
Youth Café Clann Resource	To provide a youth team building programme.	€1,500
Comharchumann Shailearna Teo	To purchase podcast equipment.	€1,500
Cumann na Peil mBan Mag Cuilinn	To deliver a youth training programme.	€1,500
Moycullen Active Retirement	To run a drama programme for senior citizens.	€1,130
Timpeallacht Nadurtha	To preserve the wildlife in local boreen.	€1,000
Platform Youth Club	To run a youth programme.	€1,000
Rosscahill Tidy Towns	To provide hanging baskets for the town.	€1,000
Oughterard Bridge Club	To purchase a bridge scoring programme.	€1,000
FPMC Plean Teanga ( Forbairt Pobail Mhaigh Cuilinn Teoranta)	To develop an Irish language film.	€1,000
Oughterard Parent & Toddler Group	To purchase a mud kitchen.	€350



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