



Community Programme

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Frequently Asked Questions

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1 What is the Highland 2007 Community Programme?

The aim of the Community Programme is to enable community groups and organisations to decide how Highland culture should be celebrated in their own area in 2007. To encourage as many people as possible to take part in the celebrations, funds have been allocated to each Highland Council area. The aim is to support events and projects forming part of the Highland 2007 programme of celebrations alongside international and regional events.

2 Who can apply for funding?

Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations can apply for Highland 2007 funding. If your organisation is not a registered charity, a copy of its constitution must be provided with the completed application form.

3 What can the funding be used for?

Highland 2007 funding is available for both capital and revenue projects and events. Capital means one-off expenditure on large items such as improving buildings or facilities or substantial equipment purchase. Revenue means costs that would normally occur while staging an event or managing a project such as performers' fees, staffing costs, transport or marketing.

4 Can we apply for both capital and revenue funding for the same project or event?

Yes, but you will need to complete two separate application forms stating whether the bid is for capital or revenue funding at the top of the front page. Application forms for both capital and revenue funding are available from your local Community Learning and Leisure Office and completed forms should be returned to the same source. Application forms can also be downloaded from the Highland 2007 website.

5 Who will make the decision on the applications?

Revenue funding applications will be considered by your local Highland 2007 Management Group. Capital funding applications will be reviewed by The Highland Council Area Committees. Ask your Community Learning and Leisure Manager for details of who sits on each group if you would like to know.

6 How often will they meet to consider and approve applications?

The timing may vary in each different area. For details of the schedule in your area and for advice on when to apply, please contact your Community Learning and Leisure Manager.

7 Can we apply for funding in 2005, 2006 and 2007?

Only one application for revenue funding and one application for capital funding for an individual project or event should be submitted to cover the whole period of the event or project. Please do not submit bids in consecutive years for the same project or event.

8 What is the maximum amount of funding we can apply for?

For revenue funding there is no maximum limit. A maximum grant of £30,000 will be available for any capital funding application.

9 Do we need to have match funding in place to support the application?

Match funding is not essential for revenue applications, however it will increase the likelihood of your bid being successful if some form of support in cash or in kind is available from other sources. Capital funding applications must have match funding to a minimum of 25%.

10 If we already have funding support from the LEC or from The Highland Council can we still apply to Highland 2007?

Yes, however each application will be reviewed on its individual circumstances.

11 If we are unsuccessful, can we reapply for the same project or event at a later date?

Yes, but it would be wise to get feedback on the reasons for the decision to assess whether future applications are likely to be successful.

12 Will we be asked to provide any information after the project or event?

Organisations will be required to complete a standard report at the end of the project or event and to return them to the Highland 2007 office. These are being finalised at present and will be available in the near future.

13 What do we do if we need more information?

Contact your Community Learning and Leisure Manager. Alternatively contact Morven MacLeod at the Highland 2007 office on 01463 702007 or at info@highland2007.com