

Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Grant Allocations Made During 2024/25				
Applicant	Total Project Cost	CLLD Funding Committed	Total Match Funding	Project Summary
Sanday Primary School Parent Council	£ 23,090.92	£ 18,472.74	£4,618.18	Installation of a polycrub at the school to allow gardening activities to take place in all weathers. Knowledge and skills relating to growing will be shared amongst various community groups.
Westray Community Association	£ 46,624.56	£ 22,737.78	£23,886.78	Enhancements to school kitchen and community room including upgraded flooring and lighting.
Stromness Sailing Club	£ 159,116.90	£ 20,000.00	£139,116.90	Installation of a multipurpose shed facility for training and coaching with changing facilities, lockers, storage space and maintenance area. Additionally, a chain link fence was erected around the full compound to provide secure storage space for dinghies and other small boats.
Friends of Sanday Kirk	£ 6,600.00	£ 6,600.00		Feasibility study to prepare for the development stage of the Cross Kirk project including architectural services, planning and building warrant and additional project management capacity.
Birsay Heritage Society	£ 49,705.00	£ 10,000.00	£39,705.00	Architects design brief for HMS Tern project – the wider project will install a toilet block at the heritage site, create a professional architect's design brief for the entire site and develop promotional materials.
Stronsay Development Trust	£ 15,000.00	£ 12,000.00	£3,000.00	Delivery of a capacity building programme centred around the people and facilities that exist within the community. This included

				supporting engagement, training and development of individuals and the groups that make up the island.
VAO	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00		Island Wellbeing Project - funding towards professional fees for the recruitment of a consultant to support development of vision & mission, business planning, funding strategy, recruitment of trustees, governance and registration as a SCIO to enable an orderly planned transition of IWP into its own charity.
Stromness Development Trust	£ 12,000.00	£ 12,000.00		Capacity building project supporting the delivery of pre and post purchase development of the Stromness Community Centre project, working alongside and mentoring the CDO throughout this process. Additionally the consultant investigated potential long term income generating projects.
Stenness Community Association	£ 12,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£7,000.00	Development of a local Place Plan for the parish of Stenness bringing together a vision for what the community wants and needs in the future and what could be developed to support this.
Stronsay Development Trust	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00		Togetherness Project – a programme of themed community events delivered over the winter of 2024/25 providing a reason for people to come together. A warm meal was offered as well as the activities such as games, cinema, art and crafts.
Papay Development Trust	£ 7,800.00	£ 7,800.00		Development of the existing community growing facilities at Papay Market Garden covering staff volunteer and running costs at

				the garden during winter 2024/25 and providing a 0.5 FTE Gardener.
Orkney Riding Centre	£ 21,550.00	£ 9,555.00	£11,995.00	Feasibility study and development of a strategic plan for the facility's improvement. The team included experts in business planning and organisational capacity building to ensure the Centre's long term sustainability and growth. The study included assessment of operational needs, identification of income generating opportunities and strengthened the Centre's ability to serve the community effectively.
Orkney Rowing Club	£ 24,970.00	£ 10,000.00	£14,970.00	Feasibility study focused on a new potential facility near the Hatston Slip area in Kirkwall exploring various site options for either a new build or the refurbishment of existing buildings. The facility will house the Club's yoals and skiffs, provide space for maintenance and repairs and include amenities eg kitchenette, toilets, showers.
Stronsay Development Trust	£ 22,900.00	£ 10,000.00	£12,900.00	Feasibility study and options appraisal for a potential new heritage centre in Stronsay, including pre planning support, architectural support and business plan.
St Nicholas Kirk	£ 19,430.00	£ 9,801.00	£9,629.00	Feasibility study for proposed works to further develop the former St Nicholas Kirk as a permanent Community Heritage and History Centre.
Birsay Heritage Trust	£ 5,700.00	£ 5,700.00		Capacity building project to ensure the effective delivery of the opportunities emanating from the ongoing HMS Tern project to enhance facilities at the site.

Westray Development Trust	£ 5,750.00	£ 2,500.00	£3,250.00	Board governance review including policies and procedures, roles and responsibilities, office models and capacity of the board and staff with next steps put in place to improve the service given by the Trust to the community of Westray.
Smart Rural	£ 22,750.00	£ 22,750.00		Initial planning work for Orkney LoRaWAN network implementation following the Orkney Local Action Group's (LAG) work with consultants SRUC on the study published in June 2024 (Rural and Agricultural Development – Maximising the potential in the Islands of Orkney, Shetland and Outer Hebrides).
Westray Development Trust in parentship with Westray Golf Club & Westray Men's Shed	£ 23,100.00	£ 10,000.00	£13,100.00	Feasibility study focused on a new potential facility at the Westray Golf Club in Pierowall exploring various layout options for the a new build facility housing the Golf Club and Men's Shed and communal community spaces for community events.
Orkney Sailing Club	£ 9,585.14	£ 4,313.31	£5,271.83	Feasibility study focused on The Girnel including condition and structural surveys, accessibility review and building retrofit plan. The study will help OSC to ensure that the Club's facilities are as sustainable, inclusive and accessible as possible to allow a wide range of community and visitors to attend.
Stromness Community Development Trust	£ 1,900.00	£ 700.00	£1,200.00	Stromness Yule Log Pull competition (insurance and road closure costs) – the event provides an opportunity for everyone within the community to come together to celebrate a common interest and take part in a shared

				activity while learning about and engaging with an age old local custom.
South Ronaldsay & Burray Development Trust	£ 6,972.98	£ 6,972.98		Capacity building within the Tomb of the Eagles Community Development Group including fundraising and marketing strategy, digital fundraising leaflet, volunteer strategy, TOTE website review and building control plans/warrant.
North Ronaldsay Trust	£ 4,995.00	£ 4,995.00		Dark Skies project – purchase of webcam live streaming service for dark skies and aurora viewing to allow the project to become further established and assist with the next phase in the project. The webcam offers the potential to mark North Ronaldsay as a dark skies location and hopefully establish a new winter tourism market.
Orkney Science Festival	£ 4,220.00	£ 2,110.00	£2,110.00	Specialists in gardening, food, soil and plants were brought to Orkney to assist four communities with community trials on the effectiveness of rock dust in improving soil and crops.
Orkney Islands Council	£ 3,750.00	£ 3,750.00		Feasibility study for the potential spectator stands and dugout project at Kirkwall Grammar School. The site location of KGS was determined by the local football community to provide an outdoor sporting environment to meet football demand all year round.
Kirkwall Bowling Club	£ 37,812.00	£ 33,057.97	£4,754.03	Enhancement of the Club's infrastructure to support its long term sustainability and growth. The project involved installation of a storage container and portacabin facility and improvements to accessibility. These

				improvements position the club among the best equipped in Northern Scotland and prepared the club for the Island Games 2025.
Stronsay Development Trust	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00		Development Trust Winter Conference (collaboration project) – funding primarily contributed to travel and accommodation costs for DT participants from across Orkney, ensuring full representation from across the islands, as well as that of guest speakers. The conference fostered collaboration and shared learning among Orkney Trusts and expert speakers provided valuable insights into key topics such as governance, sustainability, community engagement and innovation in community led development.
Stromness Community Development Trust	£ 16,560.00	£ 3,306.12	£13,253.88	Funding contributed towards architectural and quantity surveyor support costs within the project to purchase and develop the Stromness Community Centre.
Inclusive Orkney	£ 2,040.00	£ 2,040.00		YLAG fund – soft play sessions at the Pickaquoy Centre and Wellpark Soft Play and art activities at Aa Fired Up. Separate, private sessions allow families the confidence to take their children to socialise with others and feel less isolated.
Blide Trust	£ 2,840.00	£ 2,840.00		YLAG fund – the Skills to Grow project enabled the purchase of tools to be used by young people alongside mental health support workers who provided guidance on how to use them safely. Activities were carried out within a workshop space and included learning how to use tools and do basic repairs before moving

				onto larger projects such as building wooden items eg birdhouses, benches and then a polycrub. Participants worked together to plan the garden space then were involved in planting vegetables and sowing seeds/bulbs and maintaining the gardening area.
Orkney Charitable Trust	£ 5,200.00	£ 5,200.00		YLAG fund – Pickaquoy Centre vouchers were offered to families living in Kirkwall to allow them to access the Centre's activities to promote wellbeing.
Orkney Youth Café	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00		YLAG fund – a wellbeing programme with a focus on the Pride Tribe allowing open conversations, resilience and friendship building in a safe place with youth work support. All activities were co-designed with the young people to ensure issues tackled were relevant to them.
West Mainland Youth Achievement Group	£ 450.00	£ 450.00		YLAG fund – the WMYAG ran a Warm Space project offering individuals and families a comfortable, friendly space where they could have a meal, take part in crafts or games and enjoy the company of others. The meals were cooked by the young people and they also made the home bakes.
Womens Aid Orkney	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00		YLAG fund – WAO support a number of young people aged 13-17 who have a huge interest in art and have provided feedback that art is a useful tool in helping to regulate emotions and help them feel calm. Art is part of WAO's therapeutic work as its help young people process difficult events but they had limited art supplies within their service and those they did

				have were more suitable for younger children. Therefore, funding contributed to the purchase of art supplies suitable for older children and a series of art sessions was delivered allowing them to gauge the interests of their young people and encourage more regular attendance and focused work based on their interests.
Stromness Museum	£ 8,726.00	£ 8,726.00		YLAG fund – working with a local artist the project aimed to engage young people in themes of climate change and marine biodiversity loss in Orkney. Workshops were delivered to help young people cope with eco anxiety and its effect on their wellbeing. That was part of a larger project 'Buoyancy in Uncertain Times' which takes inspiration from the museum collection's Halkett boat, used to symbolise the feelings of buoyancy and resilience in the face of unprecedented change.
VAO	£ 2,080.00	£ 2,080.00		YLAG fund – introduction of a film club within the VAO Connect programme as this was something identified through several conversations with young people and some wanted to explore the film making process. Films are a good visual way to explore issues, develop empathy and facilitate discussions to build communications skills.
Stronsay Development Trust	£ 5,000.00	£ 739.00	£4,261.00	YLAG fund – delivery of the Stronsay Youth Vision Summit – a weekend long event aiming to empower young people in Stronsay, providing a platform to share ideas and

				collaborate on creating a comprehensive Youth Action Plan for the community. The Summit featured a variety of activities including workshops focused on skills building, panel discussions with experts and idea generation sessions.
Impact Hub	£ 4,500.00	£ 4,500.00		2 x health checks and 2 x policy reviews for Orkney Development Trusts delivered by Impact Hub.
Collaboration Agri Project	£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00		A study by SRUC commissioned by CLLD following on from the wider 2024 report into the island implications of the SG's new Agri Bill. The report explores in more detail specific changes to Ecological Focus Area requirements and their potential impacts on Orkney's farming and crofting sectors. The report is available on the SRUC's Rural Exchange website https://ruralexchange.scot/policy/orkney-greening-support/ .
Stronsay Development Trust	£ 11,500.00	£ 11,500.00		Funding will support the research and development phase of a programme aimed at improving young people's access to extracurricular activities across the north isles. The project will establish a short life working group to investigate barriers to participation, engage with young people and families and develop costed solutions.
Total	£658,718.50	£344,696.90	£314,021.60	

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Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Grant Allocations Made During 2025/26				
Applicant	Total Project Cost	CLLD Funding Committed	Total Match Funding	Project Summary
Firth and Stenness Community Council	£ 14,400.00	£ 7,200.00	£7,200.00	Development of a Place Plan for Firth.
Stromness Community Development Trust	£ 12,000.00	£ 12,000.00		Development of a Place Plan for Stromness.
SRUC	£ 10,799.00	£ 6,799.00	£4,000.00	Agri Support Roadshow project – funding will contribute to a series of meetings and drop in sessions across Orkney to highlight current policy changes and proposed funding changes to the current agricultural system.
Orkney Music and Culture	£ 8,003.20	£ 4,860.70	£3,142.50	Orkney Youth Choir - despite Orkney's rich musical heritage, young people currently have no access to a dedicated community youth choir. Recent consultations with families, music teachers, and young people have revealed overwhelming support for creating one. Funding will contribute to the establishment of an inclusive youth choir from August 2025 to June 2026 to fill this vital gap with a view to it becoming a long term established activity.
Orkney Rowing Club	£ 9,066.00	£ 9,066.00		Funding will enable the Club to move from feasibility stage into pre-construction readiness by securing the professional services required to take the project through statutory approvals and final design.
Stenness Community Association	£ 18,000.00	£ 10,000.00	£8,000.00	Stenness Outdoor Community Space (SOCS) - Capacity building SOCS was initiated in 2023 with the aim of creating a community space where people of

				all ages and at all stages of life can come to play, learn, socialise and participate in the outdoor environment. A large amount of work has been carried out by the dedicated project team in community engagement to find out the needs and wants of the community. A feasibility study was undertaken, and SOCS have worked with Scotplay to create a playpark to meet everyone's needs. Phase 1 and 2 will be installed in Summer 2025. This funding will contribute towards capacity building to project manage delivery of phases 1 and 2 (front play area; rear play area) to completion over summer 2025, towards delivery of phase 3 (polycrub) and move forward at pace with the next stage.
Stenness Community Association	£ 77,320.94	£ 25,000.00	£52,320.94	Stenness Outdoor Community Space – this funding will contribute to groundworks, purchase of equipment and installation of the playpark under phase 1 of the project.
Stromness Golf Club	£ 183,087.00	£ 39,594.00	£143,493.00	Stromness Golf Club Development –supporting Stromness Golf Club in becoming an anchor organisation for the development of the South End of Stromness for the benefit of visitors and the local community, embracing the Point of Ness Campsite, Ness Battery, Stromness Sailing Club and Stromness Museum among others. This award will contribute towards purchase of kitchen equipment to support food and beverage offering; upgrade of visitor experience by providing hospitality and hire clubs; upgrade of the Doctor's Shelter for

				visitor access; installation of partition in clubhouse and new carpets to increase flexibility of use.
				Supporting the essential restoration and enhancement of Burnmouth Bothy, an A-listed, thatch-roofed croft house in Rackwick, Hoy and one of the most iconic heritage structures in Orkney and the most northerly bothy in the UK. This phase will focus on urgent conservation works required to safeguard the building's fabric, improve usability, and secure its future as a cherished community and visitor resource. Works will include rebuilding external stone walls and chimneys, restoration of rare flagstone and heather thatch roof, repair and renewal of windows and doors, refurbishment of interior finishes, upgrading toilet facility and minor landscaping and repairs to boundary walls. These works will retain the building's historic authenticity while making it safe, sustainable and accessible for long-term use.
The Hoy Trust	£ 173,286.00	£ 50,000.00	£123,286.00	
				OSC will use the funding to purchase the following: - Six legacy Laser Ilka sailing dinghies from the Orkney Island Games - Essential ancillary equipment to support training and sailing development in Orkney, and to facilitate Orkney sailors
Orkney Sailing Club	£ 57,432.00	£ 13,334.00	£44,098.00	

				to participate in events and activities outwith Orkney - Maintenance equipment to help ensure the long-term sustainability of the boats and ancillary equipment
Longhope Sailing Club	£ 28,000.00	£ 6,750.00	£21,250.00	Funding will contribute towards the purchase of four ILCA sailing dinghies to expand inclusive sailing opportunities for youth and adults in Orkney. These boats will be used for structured sail training, open community sessions, and team racing events - supporting both beginner engagement and progression in the sport. This project builds upon recent successful funding for Optimist dinghies and a safety boat upgrade, and forms part of a long-term, inclusive development plan supported by RYA Scotland.
Firth Community Association	£ 29,429.00	£ 16,309.00	£13,120.00	Project Outdoor Firth has been established to enhance the outdoor facilities at Firth Community Centre to encourage user groups and the local community to engage more in outdoor activities. Funding will contribute towards development of the following outdoor facilities: • sheltered seating to support different user groups; • improved accessible access to the Centre from the rear; • safer outdoor play opportunities for children; and, • the planting of trees and shrubs to improve the carbon footprint of the Centre and

				provide a much-needed additional shelter belt.
Dounby Community School Parent Group	£ 51,000.00	£ 24,225.00	£26,775.00	Funding will contribute towards the upgrade of the Dounby Community School Play Park via the DCS Parent Group. To provide new items and upgrade (where necessary) within the Play Park providing a long-lasting, safe, and high standard play area to be enjoyed by hundreds of children in the local area and beyond currently, and thousands from future generations. Additionally, this project looks to enhance the current regeneration project nearing completion in Dounby Village with direct pathway links to these proposed additional/renewed children's facilities.
Voluntary Action Orkney	£ 4,200.00	2875	£1,325.00	A pilot project to run the outcomes of the projects funded through the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund - due to CMHW funding changes spanning across 2 years rather than 1. Funding will contribute towards a licence for the Social Value Engine (SVE). This includes training in the use of SVE to use the tool going forward and, additionally, up to 2.5 days of direct work from SVE to get the pilot going and apply the SVE to the wider context of VAO's operations. This will enable VAO to use SVE more widely to measure the impact of their work overall. With the SVE VAO aim to work with OIC directly to help develop a

				growing common approach to impact measurement across Orkney.
Burray Community Association	£ 8,450.40	£ 4,225.00	£4,225.40	Establishing a new 'Water Sound Bluegrass & Roots Festival' – a unique cultural event bringing bluegrass and roots music to the South Isles of Orkney. This festival will celebrate a range of musical traditions, showcasing both local talent and internationally-renowned musicians. It aims to provide a platform for local musicians to perform alongside established artists, creating an exciting exchange of skills and knowledge. This award will contribute towards sound and lighting costs.
Westray Connections	£ 4,922.00	£ 1,500.00	£3,422.00	The Westray Connections music festival, which takes place every two years is structured so that as many people as possible can experience high-quality live music. Funding will contribute towards the purchase of a weather-proof marquee that can be set up during the day on Saturday, in most weather conditions. This marquee will also be available for use by other community groups or community events.
Holm Community Council	£ 15,000.00	£ 2,800.00	£12,200.00	Development of a Place Plan for Holm.
North Walls Centre	£ 101,888.64	£ 10,000.00	£91,888.64	The overall project involves resurfacing the multi-use games area (MUGA), installing new perimeter fencing, adding floodlighting, and purchasing essential sports equipment including goals and basketball hoops. The aim

				is to create a safe, welcoming, and accessible outdoor space that encourages physical activity and community engagement across all age groups. This award will contribute towards floodlighting essential sports equipment.
Total	£806,284.18	£246,537.70	£559,746.48	