

Dromadda Beg Wind Farm community fund open for applications

- **Annual €10,000 community fund now open for 2019 applications**
- **SECAD appointed as independent fund administrators**

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innogy is delighted to announce that the community fund associated with Dromadda Beg Wind Farm is now open for applications. Launched at the Dromadda Beg inauguration in April 2019, the innovative annual fund will be €10,000, index linked, per year in line with inflation for the operational lifetime of the wind farm, expected to be some 25 years.

The fund will prioritise projects from the communities of Knocknagoshel and Lyreacrompane, with the aim of supporting community, not-for-profit initiatives within 5km of the wind farm. As noted in the table below, the fund will be open to different groups each year; for example, in Year 1 the fund targets projects coming from schools.

Katy Woodington, innogy Community Investment Manager, said: "Supporting grass roots initiatives close to our projects is at the core of how innogy operates. We are committed to ensuring nearby residents benefit from them and can't wait to see how the local community use this funding to make a positive difference to the local area."

There will be a themed approach to each round of funding. In respect of Year 1 to Year 5, the fund welcomes applications from groups/organisations in the following order over the first five years of the fund.

Year 1	2019	Schools, including Primary, Montessori, Pre-School, Parent & Toddler Groups, before & after school clubs
Year 2	2020	Community facilities/infrastructure & buildings offering services to the wider community – priority for projects that benefit older people
Year 3	2021	Sports Groups & Sports related events
Year 4	2022	Youth Focused (Non-Sports) Groups/Activities
Year 5	2023	Festivals & Events

Catherine Scully, Finance Officer at SECAD, said: "We welcome suggestions for themes to be included for future rounds of funding. Please contact SECAD with any suggestions you may have. This is a pilot scheme and will be reviewed over the lifetime of the funding."

"The closing date for the first round of funding is 8 November 2019, after which we hope to inform successful applicants by the end of the year."

The full fund guidelines, including which organisations/groups are eligible and how to apply are available at www.communitybenefitfunds.ie/innogy. We suggest that groups/organisations apply for grants up to a value of €5,000 but larger projects may be considered if identified as being of significant strategic benefit to the community.

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SECAD has been appointed to act as a grant-making organisation overseeing the management, administration, and delivery of the fund. SECAD is a development company based in Cork that has administered several million euros in funding projects and programmes over the last two decades. School groups are now able to apply to the Dromadda Beg Wind Farm Community Fund.

For further information on Dromadda Beg Wind Farm please visit: www.innogy.com/dromaddabeg and for information on our Ireland portfolio, please email ireland@innogy.com

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