



Community Benefit Fund Committee Overview

The Fund Committee will at a minimum:

1. Be made up of the Developer, Administrator (SECAD) and Volunteer Community Representatives
2. Develop funding strategy/objectives
3. Decide on applications for Funding against the Fund's terms and conditions
4. Ensure funding decisions are in line with RESS "*A Good Practice Principles Handbook*"

The Fund Committee will be the decision-making body to make recommendations on the allocation of Funding to not-for-profit-community enterprises in line with the evaluation criteria of the Fund. It will undertake a vital role in supporting the strategic purpose of the Fund and undertaking the assessment and evaluation of all funding proposals in line with the Fund's terms and conditions. The Developer is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the Fund is fully compliant with the RESS-2 T&Cs.

It is envisaged that a Fund Committee would have a minimum of five people, including the Developer and Administrator. As outlined in the Handbook, the Fund Committee should aim to represent the widest cross-section of the community possible.

The volunteer work of the Fund Committee involves significant commitment. Each member is expected to engage collaboratively with other Fund Committee members in supporting the implementation of a strategic vision for the Fund and to support the application of this strategy to the assessment and evaluation of all funding applications. A certain amount of time and work will be involved so volunteers need to be mindful of the responsibility and dedication involved.

At a minimum, there will be six key responsibilities of each Fund Committee Member including:

1. Determining and reviewing the Fund Strategy with the support of Timahoe DAC and SECAD the fund administrator
2. Attend an induction session and any further training
3. Reviewing funding proposals
4. Scoring all applications objectively
5. Attending Fund Committee meetings
6. Promoting the Fund locally.

The Fund will seek to promote openness and transparency in all matters pertaining to the Funds and as a result, the Annual Report on the Fund will include names and affiliations – representations, if any – of all Committee Members.



Should you, a member of your Organisation or local community wish to put their name forward for consideration for the Fund Committee Panel we would be grateful if you/they could complete this short expression of interest form **by 16th May 2025**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HP6G5QM>

Please note that a CV attachment is also required as part of the expression of interest form.

After expressions of interest have been received, they will be reviewed and considered against, at a minimum, the following over-arching principles (*as outlined in the Handbook*) with respect to the establishment of the Fund Committee:

1. The Fund Committee should aim to achieve geographic balance of representation from communities within the expected “Area of Benefit” for the Fund and every effort will be made to ensure those communities closest are represented in the first instance.
2. The Fund Committee should achieve as broad a cross section of the local community as possible.
3. Ideally, those appointed to the Fund Committee should represent some strand of community life.
4. Ideally, a variety of occupations or skills sets would be available on the Fund Committee.

Fund Committee members will participate in accordance with the highest governance and reporting standards as pertains to the Funds. A code of conduct and conflict of interest policy will be established and signed by all members of the Fund Committee.

All submissions will be of strict confidentiality. Your application and contact details will be shared with our Fund Administrators SECAD for the purpose of processing your application and contacting you in relation to your submission. Naturally, there is no obligation whatsoever to take part. We would be incredibly grateful for your participation in this survey and kindly ask that you share it with others in your Organisation and/or community who may be interested in participating in the Fund Committee.