

**Funding Support**  
**A Scottish perspective**  
**WARES Conference**

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Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)



Local Energy Scotland is a consortium of



# CARES – Hierarchy of support



- Maximize local benefit from renewable energy
- Support available throughout hierarchy
- Community pursue the right solution for them

# CARES – supporting local community ownership



- Advice and support
- Start up grants up to £10k.
- Access to pre-planning loans up to £150k with write-off facility
- Toolkits & financial models
- Hand-holding and knowledge sharing
- Support via R-AEA, delivery partners and WARES project
- Collaboration with REIF



# CARES – supporting local rural businesses ownership



- Advice and support
- Toolkit to ensure rural business is an informed buyer.
- Access to pre-planning loans up to £150k
- Work with WARES on pilot sites
- Write-off facility
- Community benefit payments (£10k/MW).

# CARES – supporting shared ownership



- Advice and support
- Start up grants (up to £20k)
- Framework contracts
- CARES loan - development costs
- Partnership with REIF & National Forest Estate
- Work hand in hand with WARES on specific pilot sites
- Community investment toolkit
- Partnership portal (coming soon)



# CARES – supporting communities to engage with commercial developments



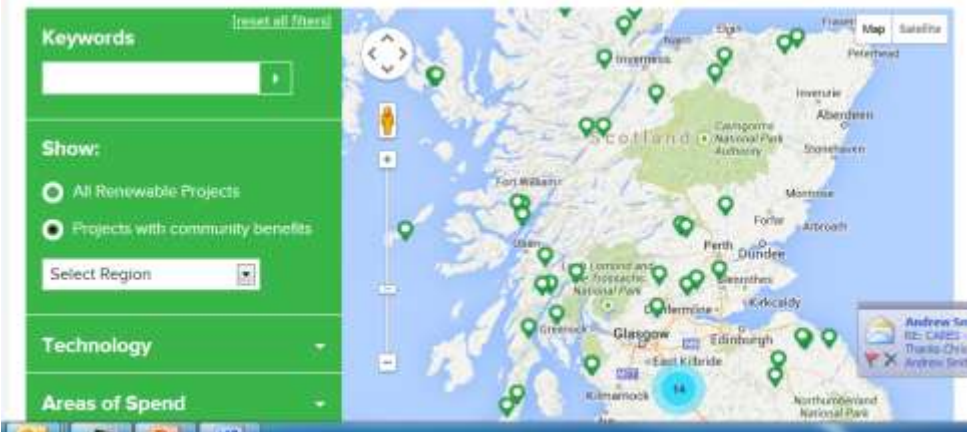
## Adding your details

The Register is voluntary and relies on communities and developers sharing their experiences and the lessons they have learnt. If you are a recipient or provider of community benefit funds we would be very grateful if you could share information.

To add details of a development, either as a developer or a community receiving benefit from a renewable energy project, use the map to find the development (you may need to select "All Renewable Projects"), then select the relevant 'developer' or 'community' option.



- Scottish Government's Community Benefit Register.
- Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits.
- Advice to communities
- Start up grant



# About REIF



Renewable Energy Investment Fund (REIF) is delivered by the Scottish Investment Bank (SIB). REIF:

- offers a flexible lending service which can be tailored to individual community needs.
- will consider providing funding to bridge the difficult pre-senior lending financial close period which communities often struggle to finance.
- lending has funded a range of costs including due diligence, grid and turbine deposits and various enabling fees which allow the project to progress.
- can provide funding alongside the senior lender to help fill community equity gaps
- works alongside other funders – e.g. Social Investment Scotland, Big Lottery etc.



# CARES – Supporting Innovation

- Scottish Government's Infrastructure and Innovation Fund
  - grant scheme that supports innovative solutions to address barriers that communities face in areas of constrained electricity networks.
  - Funded 10 projects in the last round
  - Next funding round planned for May 14
- Example - Thermal Storage, Shetland Islands Council

*Incorporation of large hot water storage tanks into council buildings. Tanks would be compatible with SSE North Isles New Energy Solutions Active Network Management (the intention of NINES is to stabilise the grid and allow more renewable generation to connect).*

# CARES - support for Co-Ops and Bencoms

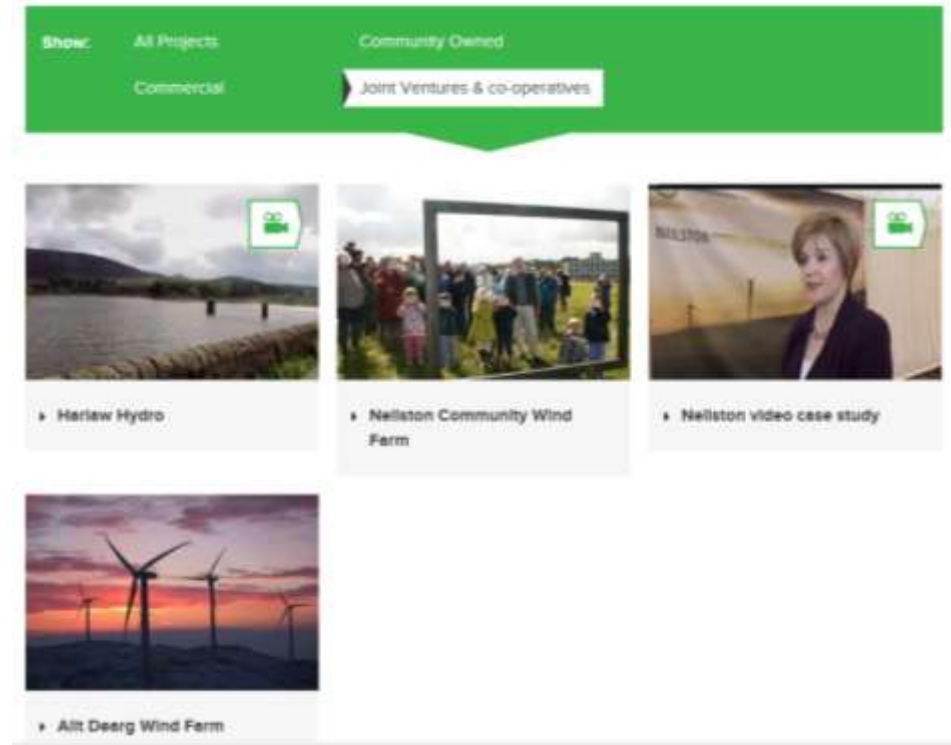


- Website guidance – [www.localenergyscotland.org/co-ops](http://www.localenergyscotland.org/co-ops)
- Access to CARES pre-planning loans to underwrite the risk.
- Access to tools and advice via CARES.
- Bencoms and co-ops with caps on interest rates can also access start-up grants and REIF.

# CARES - support for Co-Ops and Bencoms



- IPS's are on the rise in Scotland
- Package of support from CARES & REIF improving
- Started to collate case studies & examples
- Applications forms, deadlines, guidance notes available via [www.localenergyscotland.org/cares](http://www.localenergyscotland.org/cares)



# CARES – Supporting Innovation

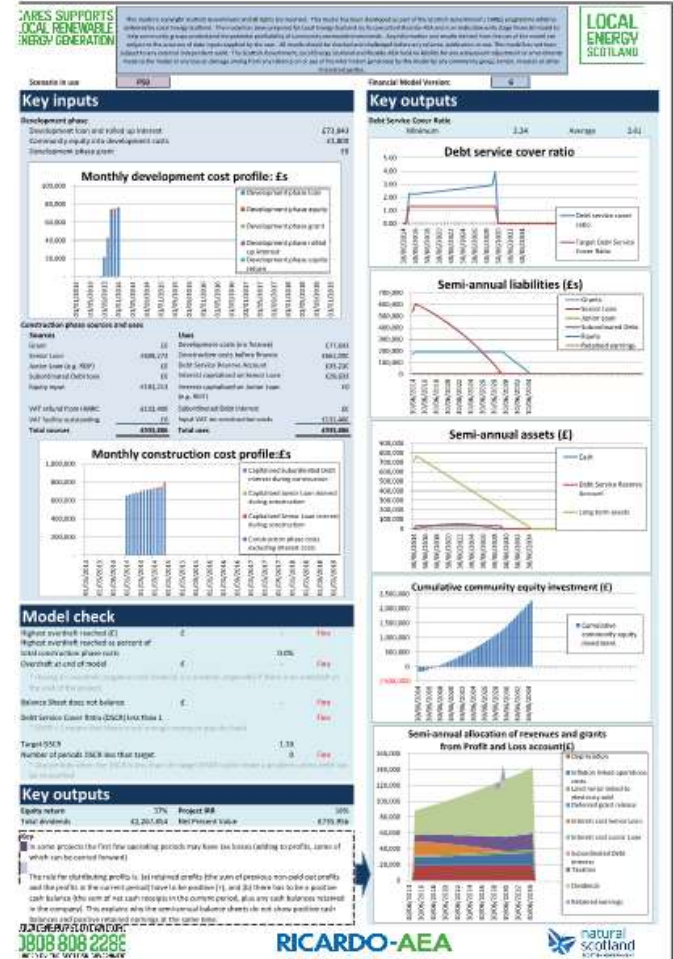


- Scottish Government's Infrastructure and Innovation Fund (IIF) is a grant scheme that supports innovative solutions including:
  - Address barriers that communities face in areas of constrained electricity networks
  - Energy storage and active network management
  - Linking local energy demand with local renewable energy generation
  - Delivering renewable heat and electricity to local consumers

# CARES toolkit



- Online toolkit
- Finance ready tool.
- Finance model
- ITTs, templates, contracts,
- Guidance on grid, planning, lease etc.



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