

PURPOSE OF BUDGET

The purpose of this budget is to enable the Committee to respond to local issues and needs.

Projects which enhance local service delivery and particularly the appearance and level of maintenance of towns and villages will be given preference.



PROJECT THEMES

The budget has been allocated to the following themes:

- Problem solving; and
- Town and village enhancement.

PROBLEM SOLVING

This element of the budget is intended to assist with solving area service delivery and other community problems and the money is likely to be used by council services, primarily. Issues relating to the maintenance and improvement of towns and villages will be targeted first.

In addition, funding has also been allocated to encourage new areas of community activity including:

- Underwriting of community based projects – up to a maximum of £500 per event; and
- Homecoming 2009 – awards in support of local community based events and activities associated with Homecoming 2009.

TOWN AND VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT

Projects could include provision of hanging baskets, other planting arrangements or more permanent provision that enhances the location. This list is not exclusive.

Grants of up to £500 are available and the community group applying must demonstrate that it has community support, for instance, by endorsement from the Community Council. More than one grant per community can be awarded in any one year but preference will be given to those who have not received an award.

Grant applications that demonstrate partnership, flair and added value to the grant will be given preference and applicants must demonstrate that maintenance or upkeep issues have been resolved so that the project is sustainable over its life.

GRANTS

The grants are intended to be used in tandem with funds raised by community groups.

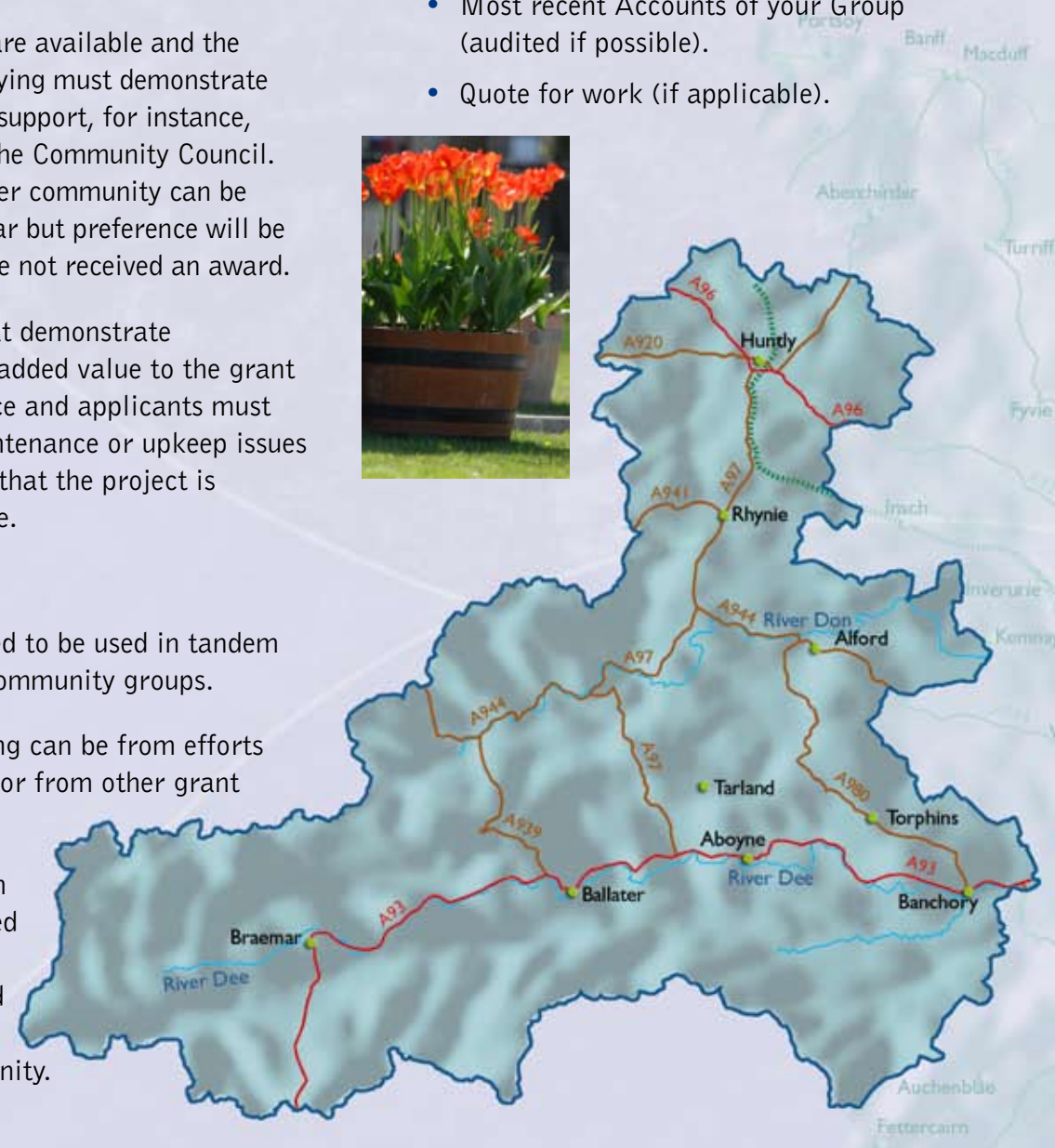
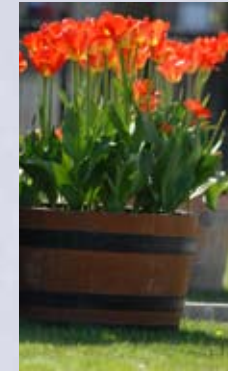
Community fund raising can be from efforts within the community or from other grant bodies.

Grants are awarded on a first come first served basis and community groups are encouraged to submit applications at the earliest opportunity.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

To assist us in assessing your application the following information would be useful:

- Details of Membership or make-up of your Group.
- Most recent Accounts of your Group (audited if possible).
- Quote for work (if applicable).



OTHER GRANTS

In addition to the Top Up scheme, the Marr Area Committee funds an Initiative Grant Scheme (IGS) designed to promote community development projects. The IGS is managed by the Marr Area Partnership.

Information on the scheme and application forms can be obtained from Judith Aylett on 019756 51740 or by e-mail on mapslrp@aol.com

It is not intended to provide funding from both Schemes for individual projects.

Aberdeenshire Council also provides Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Community Groups. Information on those grants and application forms can be obtained by contacting the Grants and Outdoor Activities Officer, on 01224 664237.

Further information on a variety of funding available within Aberdeenshire is also provided on the Council's website at -

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/funding

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TO:

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