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Piiparinmäki Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

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The *Piiparinmäki Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund* launched on BizGive in June 2022, to discover and support local social and environmental projects annually. To date, the fund has granted €92,639 to 12 projects. Please find a brief summary of each project below, followed by 4 detailed Case Studies of projects that have been completed.





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Programme Summary

The Piiparinmäki Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund supports community projects benefiting those living in the municipalities of Pyhäntä and Kajaani.

Programme Description

This fund is provided by Glennmont and Kansai, the owners of the Piiparinmäki Wind Farm in central Finland.




- The fund opened in June 2022 with an annual amount of 100,000 euros, pro-rata for 2022.
- Grants will be provided to local projects that benefit the surrounding area.

At this time, please submit applications in English.



Programme Objectives

- > Support Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation
- > Protect and Improve the Local Environment
- > Create and Improve Local Amenities

> Improve Community Buildings




- > Conserve Local Heritage

> Create and Improve Local Infrastructure



- > Improve Health and Wellbeing
- > Promote a Just Transition
- > Promote General Skills Development
- > Improve Local Education

Available Support

Grants
Mandatory

Expected Budget:
€100000

Per Opportunity:
Max €10000 (EUR)

Volunteering
Optional

General Skills



Locations Supported

- Kajaani, Finland
- 92930 Pyhäntä, Finland

Programme Dates

Applications Accepted
Ongoing

Decisions Made
Ongoing

Donations to be made
Ongoing

Interim Update Requested
Every 90 days during the Opportunity running dates

Final Report Requested
45 days after Opportunity End Date

Application Criteria

- Entities Supported**
- Registered NonProfit
 - Academic Institution
 - Government Linked Entity

- Eligibility Checklist**
- Not affiliated with any political group or cause.
 - Not affiliated with any religious belief, outcomes that excludes any other belief.
 - Have a bank account in the name of the entity applying.

- Documents Required**
- Proof of bank account ownership on grant approval with a recent statement within the past 3 months.

Web Links

glennmont.com/our-portfolio/onshore-wind/

Kainuun Liikunta 30th Anniversary Actions

Supporting the 30-year celebration of the Kainuu Sports Association through events and activities that promote and celebrate sports and physical activity in the local municipalities.

Kuluntalahti Village Hall

Transforming a village post office into a shared community space for local people to meet and participate in events and activities. A nature path was included for children to learn about plants and animals.

Disc Golf Course in Otanmaki

The design and implementation of a disc golf course in Otanmaki centre and its park areas. The course will be connected to other sports areas and will also provide a place for walking, running and relaxing.

Korjausavustus

Repairs to the village association house, a former grain drying building that has been rebuilt and used as a village hall for almost 20-years. The hall is used for meetings and many community events.

Koski Village Association

Building an outdoor gym and event tent at the village hall, to improve sports facilities and enable bigger events to be hosted in the Winter. Before this gym was built, there were no outdoor gym facilities nearby.

Restoration of Rapids in the River Siikajoki

Restoring the rapids of the River Siikajoki so that fish and other aquatic animals will be able to nest and thrive again.

Boat for Pyhanta

The purchase of a rowing boat for local people to use to go fishing and enjoy nature in Pyhanta. Pyhannanjarvi is a beautiful place and the boat enables families and young people to make day trips and go fishing.

Windmill Sails to Repair

Restoration of the sails of a historic windmill at the Riihipiha museum in Kajaani. The museum houses artefacts that show the history and culture of the local area.

Children's Kajaani Week

Supporting the organisation and delivery of a week of activities and events for families in the local area, ranging from seminars to concerts and fun activities for children.

Tupalankoski Recovery Project

Restoring the Tupalankoski River's natural ecosystem and improving the environment for local trout species to breed and thrive.

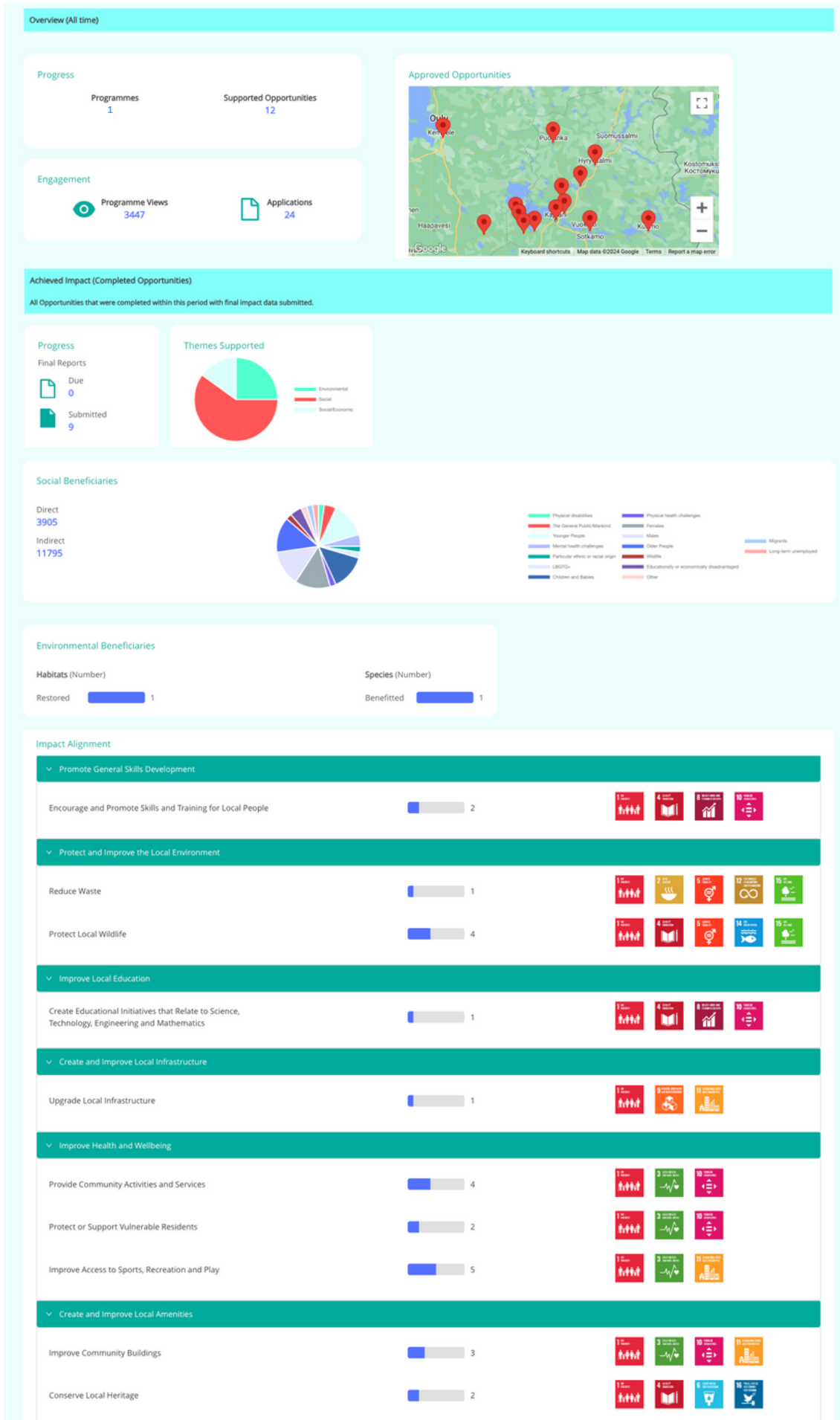
Improving Niittypirtti

Improving the Niittypirtti building next to the Riihipiha Museum. The building is used to host local events and gatherings, such as a Summer Cafe.

Family Trip to Leo's Leikkimaa

Transport and admission to Leo's Leikkimaa, a children's play area and recreational facility. The trip supports the community in accessing a facility not otherwise available.

Impact is measured by 'Planned' (that which has been funded and is expected) and 'Achieved', with the projects concluded and Final Reports submitted. Below is Achieved impact from 9 projects completed thus far.





Glennmont awarded a grant to Vuolijoen Maaseutuyhdistys ry to improve the Niittypirtti building facilities. The building, which is located next to the Riihipiha Museum, is used for a Summer cafe, as well as local events and gatherings. However, the building only had two toilets which is not enough during events, and an old cesspool that needed to be replaced.

The grant supported the organisation in building two new ecological outdoor compost toilets and replacing the old cesspool. The facilities have allowed the Niittypirtti buildings to continue functioning properly, enabling the organisation to plan different events for the area. At the same time, the compost toilets support the natural biodegradation of waste material and replacing the cesspool ensures the local habitat is protected from leaks.

Achieved Impact

- About 600 local people will benefit from the new facilities.
- The new facilities now provide wheelchair access to customers and visitors.
- The new facilities can be used 24-7 by the community, even when the Niittypirtti building is not open.
- Removing the old cesspool protects the local habitat from any leaks and degradation.

“At the moment there is a competition to give names to the toilets – this is done alongside a ‘eco-compost photography exhibition’ of Kainuu Museum collection at the local village house.”





Glennmont awarded a grant to The Kainuu District of the Mannerheim League for Child Welfare for the organisation and delivery of Children's Kajaani Week. During the week, three events for children, families and decision-makers were organised, to increase the wellbeing and inclusion of children and families in Kajaani.

The first event was a children's event at the Kainuu vocational college, with a bouncy castle, carrot hunt, a stick horse race, treasure chest opening, precision throwing, face painting and creative storytelling. Kajaani Dance also performed twice. Outside there were hot pots to fry your own sausages, eat snacks and warm up. The event was praised for its versatile activities and that it was free of charge, so all families could participate.

The second event was a concert for families. Both children and adults performed, including music groups, choirs and dancers from Kajaani high school's band, Keskuskoulu's music classes, the children's group from Kainuun Musiikkiopisto, a vocal duo and a dance group.

Finally, there was a seminar for decision-makers on children's rights and an assessment of child effects, with experts in these subjects speaking and giving lectures. The seminar was for trustees, officials and decision-makers in the Kainuu welfare area, municipalities and parishes.

Achieved Impact

- 600 children and 400 adults participated in the children's event.
- 150 children and 200 adults participated in the concert.
- 60 decision-makers participated in the seminars.
- 75 volunteers supported the week.

"The Children's Kajaani Week was enthusiastically received, both by the participants and the collaborators. The expected number of participants, volunteers and cooperation parties was clearly exceeded. Without the support received to Childrens Kajaani week, organizing the events would not have been possible."



Tupalankoski Recovery Project



The Tupalankoski River is a waterway of rapids located 17km from Piiparinmaki which ultimately extends to Lake Oulujarvi, one of Finland's largest lakes. It has a history from the 1960s as serving of a transport channel for logging in the region, and during this time stones and dredging of the river to ease transport destroyed important breeding areas for local lake trout species.

The grant from Glennmont supported a project to restore the river's natural ecosystem and improve the environment for local trout species to breed and thrive. This included the provision of a digger and men to replace big stones in the stream and add grit, which will recreate natural spaces for breeding and safe harbour from predators such as larger fish and minks.

Achieved Impact

- 1x lake trout breeding area retained.
- 100 more fishing days for the local community and children.
- 1x freshwater habitat restored.



Windmill Sails to Repair



A grant was awarded to the Riihipiha Museum in Kajaani, which houses about 4,000 objects showing the history of the region. The grant supported the restoration of the sails of its windmill, one of the museum's most iconic pieces that in the past may have been used to support farmers in grinding larger quantities of grain. Restoring the windmill has helped to keep local history alive, showing the intelligent applications of wind energy in the past. In the summer of 2023 many groups visited the museum and learnt about the meaning of wind energy and its use by ancient farmers.

Achieved Impact

- Preservation of local skills and craftsmanship used in re-building the windmill sails.
- Demonstrating historic applications of wind energy.
- Ensures local history and heritage is preserved.

