



# Islands Green Recovery Programme (IGRP) Prògram Ath-Shlànachaidh Uaine nan Eilean

The Scottish Government recently launched the **£2 million Islands Green Recovery Programme/Prògram Ath-Shlànachaidh Uaine nan Eilean (IGRP)**.

## Background

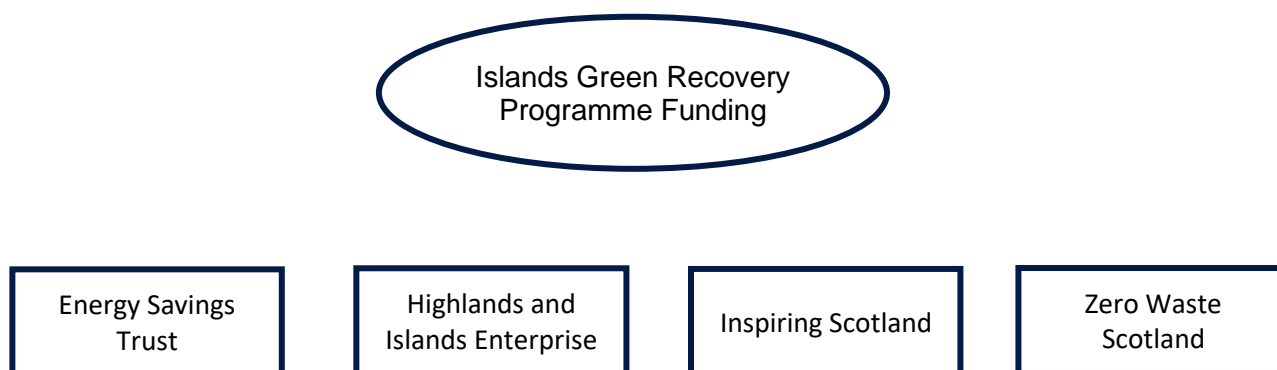
The £230 million 'Restart the Economy' capital stimulus package was announced by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance on 16 June 2020. The package was launched to help stimulate Scotland's economy in light of the global Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The initiative covers construction, low carbon projects, digitisation and business support and will provide a flow of work for businesses and support jobs. It is funded by the reallocation of underspends from schemes interrupted by COVID-19.

## What is the IGRP?

- The IGRP will support and encourage resilience across our island communities, delivering investment that may be used to support green recovery and carbon emission reductions, active and low carbon transport, food sustainability and zero waste projects, and sustainable tourism.
- Communities are at the heart of the IGRP. The Programme has been designed to respond to the needs of island communities, drawing on the priorities identified by islanders themselves during the consultation process undertaken in 2019 to inform the development of the National Islands Plan.
- The online consultation received 414 responses. Combined with the 61 public events and meetings that were held across 40 islands, this resulted in almost 1000 island residents contributing to the priorities of our National Islands Plan in addition to a broad range of island community stakeholders.
- By aligning with the National Islands Plan, projects delivered through the IGRP tackle the priorities, challenges and ambitions that all island stakeholders highlighted as being important to them through the National Islands Plan Consultation.
- The IGRP will contribute to ongoing work to support repopulation whilst also supporting and enhancing health and wellbeing, which are consistent drivers across the 13 [National Islands Plan](#) Strategic Objectives.
- Projects acquiring support must seek to increase sustainable employment opportunities and support the Green circular economy; while enhancing local supply chains and economic output.

## Who is supporting the Scottish Government to deliver the IGRP?

There are four IGRP strands being delivered in partnership with Energy Savings Trust, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Inspiring Scotland and Zero Waste Scotland:



- 1. Inspiring Scotland** are working with the Scottish Government to deliver a £900k capital grant fund to deliver capital expenditure on Scotland's islands that will in turn support a green recovery from COVID-19. The fund closes on 21 October 2020 and full details of what is eligible and how to apply can be found here: <https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/our-funds/islands-green-recovery-programme/>
- 2. Zero Waste Scotland** are working with the Scottish Government to deliver a £600k fund (£300k match funded by the European Regional Development Fund) to support packaging free shops and stores on Scotland's islands. The Islands Green Recovery Programme – Refillery Fund is available to SMEs who wish to offer customers a packaging-free shopping experience, where they are encouraged to use their own re-useable containers to purchase a range of foods, such as cereals and pasta in addition to other household produce.
- 3. Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)** are working with the Scottish Government utilising their area based expertise, across the client base of their five area offices with islands within their territories, to accelerate projects for their £500k strand of the IGRP. Collaboration and partnership working will ensure that this complements the response to the public capital grant fund being delivered by Inspiring Scotland and other partner projects.
- 4. Energy Savings Trust** are working with Scottish Government to identify islands that highlighted transport as a key priority during last year's extensive [National Islands Plan Consultation and will be supporting](#) them to submit Active and Sustainable transport proposals for consideration to become a pilot community project, supporting the development of our Islands Sustainable Transport Strategy.

## Shared IGRP Ambition

While each of the four strands are distinct and deliver different outcomes, all are designed to support Scottish Island communities and involve island businesses, organisations or community groups. IGRP projects will improve outcomes for island communities and must be underpinned by four key values: fairness, integration, environmental protection (green) and inclusiveness.

### For more information on each strand of activity, the IGRP partner leads are:-

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