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Clydesdale Bank to Recognise Community Spirit in Clackmannanshire

Community projects in Clackmannanshire are invited to enter an awards programme which could see them share a funding boost of £75,000 to make a real difference in their local area.

Now in their fourth year, the Clydesdale Bank Spirit of the Community Awards 2016 is open for applications.

Clydesdale Bank will make donations to recognise and support community projects which are going the extra mile. Registered charities and not for profit organisations are invited to enter their projects into the awards scheme under one of three categories: projects which help people to have a healthy relationship with money, projects which help people to improve their local environment and projects which help people into employment.

The awards are open to a range of initiatives across the third sector which can demonstrate support for the local community. This could include projects helping to upskill people for the workplace, ventures promoting healthy relationships with money, or schemes aiming to protect the environment.

Five projects will be selected in each of the three categories and all 15 winners will be awarded £5,000 each.

Debbie Crosbie, Clydesdale and Yorkshire Banks Chief Operating Officer and Chair of the Yorkshire and Clydesdale Bank Foundation, said: "Clydesdale Bank's Spirit of the Community Awards aim to recognise and support the vital contribution that voluntary and charitable projects make to their local communities.

"It has been inspiring to see all of the fantastic work being carried out at grass roots level over the past three years and to see the difference our support can make to projects which provide such vital resources for local communities."



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Clydesdale Bank's sister organisation, Yorkshire Bank will also award £75,000 to support local projects in England as part of the programme. This brings the total funds available for community initiatives up and down the country to £150,000.

For further information about the Yorkshire and Clydesdale Bank Foundation's Spirit of the Community Awards or to enter, people can visit www.cbonline.co.uk/foundation or go into their local Clydesdale Bank branch to receive an application form.

The closing date for applications is Friday 8 April 2016 and the winners will be announced in summer 2016.

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