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MONEY FOR MORAY- OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Money for Moray group is pleased to announce that application forms for the 2017 scheme are now available. Community voluntary groups can apply for up to £4,000 for projects which offer new or additional measures to tackle social isolation in any area of Moray.

Social isolation occurs when an individual experiences a lack or absence of contact such as with family or friends, community involvement or access to services.

A total of £40,000, funded from the Scottish Government's Community Choices fund, is available. Groups who meet the criteria will be required to make a short presentation on their proposed project, at a public event in late March at which the public will be invited to attend and vote for their favourite projects.

The closing date for application is 5pm on Friday 10th February 2017. Forms are available from the website and email address below.

Note to editors:

Participatory budgeting is now being used across Scotland in around two-thirds of local authority areas, as a means of communities making democratic decisions about funding for themselves. Money for Moray is the first such scheme to be run by a working group consisting solely of volunteers, who come from community councils, area forums, village halls and community associations across Moray. The Money for Moray Working Group ran a successful participatory budgeting scheme in 2016, culminating in two public events in May and June, allocating £120,000 of funds to 34 projects that will benefit the local economy of rural areas in Moray.

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