

Creating the Greenest County Grant Fund

What is the fund for?

The Creating the Greenest County Grant Fund provides funding for community based carbon reduction projects.

Examples of previous funding applications are:

- Sproughton Tythe barn, insulation and draft proofing.
- Wombat Car club, a shared car user club.
- East Bergholt Hot Spots, utilising thermal imaging.
- Soil to Oil Project, converting fish and chip oil into fuel.
- Rattlesden Sports Pavilion with energy improvements to the building.

We will not fund:

- 100% of your project.
- Funding for the running costs of your organisation.
- Activities that show no appreciable carbon reduction.
- Standard building improvements.
- The capital costs directly associated with the installation (excludes feasibility studies) of any renewable heat and electricity generating equipment when the applicant intends to claim either the “Feed in Tariff” or “Renewable Heat Incentive”.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you are a voluntary organisation or community group that meets the criteria of the fund.

Amount of funding available and length of funding

The total annual fund is £100,000. The maximum level of grant that can be offered is £25,000. Grants are usually given up to a maximum of 25% with external funding providing the other 75% of project costs.

Please ensure that you provide a full breakdown of costs in your budget.

We may offer a grant towards a 'feasibility' study, or helping a project to progress by offering a portion of the grant in advance to aid cash flow. These will be negotiated on an individual basis with each applicant.

Grant payments will normally be made retrospectively after expenditure, but where up-front costs are incurred, consideration may be made to releasing part of the grant in advance of expenditure.

Creating the Greenest County Fund - Outcomes and Criteria

In addition to the core eligibility, if you are applying for a grant from the Creating the Greenest County Fund, your project must meet **one or more** of the following outcomes to be put forward to the Grants Panel:

- Achieving a measurable reduction in the communities carbon footprint
- Reducing energy costs for the community
- Demonstrable contribution towards making Suffolk the Greenest County

In addition to the outcomes all proposals must include all of the following criteria within the application:

- Project to be completed within 2 years maximum of the offer of grant.
- External Funding should be secured by the project (except where funding for feasibility studies are requested).
- Projects should aim to get people involved in their local community.
- Projects should have documented support from the local community.

Information we will need

- Evidence of local involvement.
- Evidence of match funding or in-kind support.
- A calculation of carbon that will be saved by the project – utilising the Creating the Greenest County tool that can be found at: www.greencommunitiescc.org.uk.

Assessment and Monitoring

- You'll need to tell us how you have used the money and what you have achieved.
- SCC Programmes Team will monitor achievement of project outcomes for a period of 2 years following offer of grant.
- The Suffolk Climate Change Partnership Manager and Community Adviser will initially appraise the application before consideration by the grants panel.

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