



We are thrilled to unveil the Community Grants for Climate Projects funding opportunity, a groundbreaking initiative that unites people, investment, and funding to create a lasting impact on our communities.

This fund aims to support community proposals that foster greener, cleaner, and climate-ready neighbourhoods, prioritizing key elements that will shape a sustainable future:

- local, clean, and flexible energy solutions
- healthy, affordable, and efficient buildings
- walking, cycling and public transport
- green and climate-ready nature solutions.

Key information

- Only organisations that are based in Kirklees are eligible to apply.
- Grants of £5,000 - £50,000 are available. Please note we have limited funding available, and we are not able to fund every application we receive.
- We cannot fund VAT, please note your organisation will need to cover any VAT charges relating to the project from an alternative source.
- You will need to get a quote for any installation work or capital items being purchased with the grant.

Eligible Project Themes

- Sustainable energy improvements in Community Buildings
Buildings must be owned or wholly maintained by VCSE organisations for expenditure to be eligible¹
- Clean Energy Generation Projects – Solar panels funding limit is £10,000 and £1250 for any feasibility work required. (£10,000 limit covers panels & installation, battery storage and associated equipment can be covered above this limit)
Buildings must be owned or wholly maintained by VCSE organisations for expenditure to be eligible¹
- Schemes which increase public transport use, walking or cycling.
- Schemes which increase community access to green spaces and nature.
- Timeline for delivery of project Projects will need to be completed by December 2024 and all reporting and monitoring will be required by March 2025.

¹ For example, if your organisation is renting space, it must be renting the whole building and be responsible for its maintenance, rather than a single room in a council-owned community building (which would be ineligible) to be eligible to do work on the building. Additionally, it is imperative that you possess a lease with a remaining duration of no less than 5 years.

Who can apply?

- Constituted voluntary and community groups.
- Charities that are registered with the Charity Commission
- Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) whose Governance documents include a clear community benefit clause, open membership and an asset lock.
- Not-for-profit incorporated Community Organisations (You will be registered with the Charity Commission, Companies House or Mutual Public Register (FCA).

Who can't apply?

- For-profit organisations
- Statutory organisations or activities (e.g., schools and hospitals)
- Overseas organisations.
- Organisations with outstanding monitoring relating to a One Community Grant
- A charity with qualified accounts, is under investigation by the Charity Commission or has an active warning on the Charity Commission Website.
- Private Landlords

All organisations, regardless of size and structure, must have:

- At least three Trustees/Directors/Committee Members (whichever is applicable, depending on your organisation's legal structure) who are independent and unrelated. For registered charitable companies (limited companies by guarantee without share capital, CICs and similar) we require a minimum of three unrelated directors, and none should be registered as Persons with Significant Control.
- A governing document e.g., constitution or memorandum and articles of association that shows how your group is managed.
- A bank or building society account in the name of your organisation with a minimum of two unrelated authorised signatories on the mandate and transactions requiring authorisation by at least two of those authorised signatories.
- Accounts or a record of income and expenditure for your organisation (if you are a new organisation, you will need to provide a bank statement and a project budget).
- A relevant safeguarding policy, if your organisation works with children or vulnerable adults (you can find free information and advice on writing a safeguarding children policy via Third Sector Leaders Third Sector Kirklees (tslkirklees.org.uk)).

What documentation do you need to supply with your application form?

- Your property lease or evidence of ownership.
- You will need to provide quotes for any installation costs and capital equipment you wish to purchase.

Organisations that have not applied before or have not applied in the past two years must provide:

- Constitution or governing document
- Bank statement (no older than 3 months)
- If you are a registered charity your latest accounts. Constituted organisations should supply a cash flow showing the income and expenditure of the whole organisation and a forecast of expenditure for the whole organisation for the period of the grant award.
- Quotes for any instillation work or capital items being purchased with the grant.

If your organisation has applied in the past two years and is not a registered charity, you will need to supply:

- Cash flow or accounts. A cash flow showing the income and expenditure of the whole organisation and a forecast of expenditure for the whole organisation for the period of the grant award.
- Bank statement (no older than 3 months).
- Applicants will be required to confirm (on the application form) that they have no changes to their constitution since their last application.
- Quotes for any instillation work or capital items being purchased with the grant.

If your group has applied in the past two years and is a registered charity, you need to supply:

- Bank Statement (no older than 3 months).
- Applicants will be required to confirm (on the application form) that they have no changes to their constitution since their last application.
- Quotes for any instillation work or capital items being purchased with the grant.