



Community Grants for Climate Projects (CGCP) Guidance for answering the questions on the form

Questions about the fund should be sent to Anne@one-community.org.uk - Please clearly state your enquiry is about the fund.

Question 2.

Using the list of outcomes stated in the guidance document please list your project aims.

The outcomes to be achieved are set at the West Yorkshire level. Those relevant to the CGCP programme include:

- Recovery and enhancement of nature
- Increases in biodiversity, green spaces and trees, and natural environments
- Increase in the number of zero carbon and environment projects being developed and implemented in the region
- Warm, healthy, affordable, and low carbon homes, energy efficient workplaces
- More local, clean, and flexible energy
- Reduction in energy and fuel costs for residents and third-sector organisations
- Ensuring the region is adapted and resilient to the worst impacts of a changing climate

For example:

Project Outcomes:

A. Local, Clean, and Flexible Energy Solutions

Implementation of a solar energy system to meet 50% of the project's electricity demand.

Installation of energy storage solutions for better energy utilisation and grid integration.

B. Healthy, Affordable, and Efficient Buildings

Construction of energy-efficient buildings using green building materials.

Integration of smart building technologies to optimize energy consumption and enhance indoor air quality.

C. Walking, Cycling, and Public Transport

Development of pedestrian-friendly pathways and dedicated cycling lanes within the project area.

Collaboration with local transportation authorities to improve public transport accessibility.

D. Green and Climate-Ready Nature Solutions

Establishment of green spaces and urban parks to enhance biodiversity and climate resilience.

Implementation of rainwater harvesting systems to reduce water runoff and improve water management.

Section 2 - About your grant application

Question:

Disadvantaged communities face greater barriers to climate participation. If your project is in such an area, explain its disadvantages and how you'll engage with them.

Guidance: Communities that face disadvantages have a harder time taking part in climate-related activities. If your project happens to be in one of these disadvantaged areas, please let us know how the area is disadvantaged and what specific steps you will take to involve and include them in the project.

To evidence that a community is disadvantaged, you can look at various indicators and data, including:

- **Socio-economic data:** This includes poverty rates, unemployment rates, median household income, and access to essential services like healthcare and education.
- **Educational attainment:** Look at educational levels in the community, such as high school graduation rates and college attendance rates.
- **Health outcomes:** Examine health statistics such as life expectancy, disease prevalence, and access to healthcare facilities.
- **Housing conditions:** Assess the quality of housing, the percentage of households facing overcrowding or homelessness, and the availability of affordable housing options.
- **Infrastructure and amenities:** Evaluate the availability and quality of infrastructure like roads, public transportation, parks, and recreational facilities.
- **Environmental justice considerations:** Investigate whether the community bears a disproportionate burden of environmental hazards or pollution.
- **Representation and political power:** Analyse the community's level of representation in decision-making bodies and access to political power.

Recommended sources for socio-economic data for Kirklees:

- [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\)](#): The ONS is a reliable source for a wide range of socioeconomic data, including population demographics, employment, income, and housing in Kirklees.
- [Kirklees Council](#): The local government often publishes data and reports on various aspects of the borough, including socioeconomic indicators.
- [Kirklees Observatory](#): This is a local information service that provides data, statistics, and reports on key issues affecting Kirklees, including topics related to health, education, economy, and employment.
- [Indices of Multiple Deprivation \(IMD\)](#): The UK government releases IMD reports periodically, which assess multiple deprivation indicators across different regions, including Kirklees. It offers insights into relative deprivation levels in various areas within the borough.

- **[National Census Data](#)**: Data from the most recent national census (2021 or later) can provide valuable information about the demographics, income, education, and housing conditions in Kirklees.
- **[Public Health England \(PHE\)](#)**: PHE publishes health-related data at the local authority level, which can give insights into health inequalities and factors affecting public health in Kirklees.
- **Local Universities and Research Institutions**: Check the websites of universities and research centres in the region, as they often conduct studies and publish reports on various socio-economic aspects of Kirklees.
- **[Kirklees Climate Commission](#)** is bringing together key communities, organisations and groups from across Kirklees to support, guide and track climate action within the area. The Commission strives to promote inclusion and diversity and to include balanced representation from across the different communities and sectors in the area. They can be contacted via their website.

When using these sources, it's essential to ensure the data's reliability, validity, and relevance to your specific research or project needs.

Always cite the sources properly and be aware of any updates or revisions to the data that might have occurred after my knowledge cutoff date.

Question:

How will you use the grant? Please say how your project aligns with the fund objectives.

Guidance:

Describe how your project meets the theme(s): Provide a section in your proposal for each of the prioritised themes and explain how your project addresses them. For example:

- **Recovery and enhancement of nature**: Describe how your project will lead to increased biodiversity, the creation of green spaces, and planting more trees to enhance natural environments in the region.
- **Zero carbon and environment projects**: Explain how your project will result in the development and implementation of initiatives that contribute to reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable practices.
- **Warm, healthy, and low-carbon homes**: Detail how your project aims to improve the energy efficiency of residential buildings, making them warmer, healthier, and more environmentally friendly.
- **Local, clean, and flexible energy**: Illustrate how your project will promote the use of local and clean energy sources, fostering a flexible and resilient energy infrastructure.
- **Reduction in energy and fuel costs**: Show how your project will directly lead to cost savings on energy and fuel for residents and third-sector organizations, thereby enhancing their financial sustainability.
- **Climate adaptation and resilience**: Explain how your project will implement measures to ensure the region becomes more resilient to the adverse impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather events and rising temperatures.

You could provide evidence and real-life examples like data, statistics, or case studies from similar projects that have successfully achieved the outcomes you are proposing.

Question:

Please explain how your project will result in the development and implementation of initiatives that contribute to reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable practices.

Guidance:

Measuring and reporting on the positive changes made by our project is crucial to assessing its effectiveness and ensuring transparency.

It might be helpful to visit the [carbonfootprint.com - Small Business Calculator](https://carbonfootprint.com). They can help you calculate, reduce, and offset your organisation's carbon footprint, as well as engage colleagues and customers in the climate challenge. With the Carbon Footprint carbon calculator for organisations, you don't need more than 5 minutes to estimate your organisation's carbon footprint. The test highlights several simple steps to reduce your carbon footprint.

The test is based on service companies and the questions are split into three batches: office, travel and consumption. Here are a few other ways to measure and report on the outcomes:

1. **Establishing Baselines:** Before implementing the project, we will establish baseline data for relevant indicators, such as energy consumption, carbon emissions, waste generation, and transportation patterns. These baselines will serve as reference points for comparison and help us quantify the project's impact accurately.
2. **Monitoring and Data Collection:** Throughout the project's duration, we will implement a robust monitoring and data collection system. This may include using sensors, meters, surveys, and other data collection methods to track various metrics related to energy use, emissions, waste, and community engagement.
3. **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):** We will identify specific Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that align with the project's objectives. These KPIs will measure the progress made towards the reduction of carbon emissions and the adoption of sustainable practices. Examples of KPIs include percentage reduction in carbon emissions, energy savings, waste diversion rate, and the number of sustainable transportation users.
4. **Regular Progress Reports:** We will generate regular progress reports at predetermined intervals, such as monthly, quarterly, or annually, depending on the project's timeline. These reports will summarize the data collected, compare it to the established baselines, and provide an overview of the project's achievements and challenges.
5. **Analysis and Evaluation:** Our team will conduct data analysis and evaluation to interpret the results and identify trends and patterns. By analysing the data, we can identify successful strategies and areas for improvement.
6. **Stakeholder Engagement:** We will engage with stakeholders, including the community, local businesses, and partners, to collect feedback and input on the project's impact. This will help us understand the qualitative aspects of the changes made and assess the project's overall acceptability and effectiveness.
7. **Public Reporting:** We will make the progress reports and evaluation findings accessible to the public through various channels, such as the project website, community meetings, and local media. Transparent reporting will enable the community and stakeholders to stay informed and engaged with the project's outcomes.