



Yealm Community Energy Fund

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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

What is the Community Benefit Fund?

The Yealm Community Energy (YCE) Community Benefit Fund is sourced from Yealm Community Energy renewable energy generation projects.

The purpose of the fund is to support community and voluntary organisations operating within the Parishes of Brixton, Holbeton, Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo, Wembury and Yealmpton.



What are the criteria for applications?

The YCE Community Benefit Fund will be spent in accordance with YCE's Objects:

- Enabling the local and wider community to share in the ownership of the renewable and low carbon electricity/heat generation projects.
- Providing funding for further community renewable and low carbon generation and energy efficiency initiatives in the Local Community.
- Supporting educational and other community activities promoting awareness of energy- and environmental-related issues.
- Projects that will improve environmental sustainability in the Local Community.

Typical activities to be supported:

- Energy efficiency and renewable energy measures for local community buildings.
- Initiatives to reduce carbon usage e.g. promoting walking or cycling over use of motor vehicles, charging points for electric vehicles, use of community vehicles.
- Local environmental improvements, particularly those providing climate change mitigation or adaptation.

Applications may be made by organisations such as Parish Councils, schools, and not-for-profit social enterprises, charities, and groups. Individuals may not apply.

What size of grant is available?

The amount available to the Community Benefit Fund is dependent on the performance of the solar array so will vary each year. There is no maximum or minimum limit set for a grant; preference is for a maximum of £2500.

How can I apply?

Complete a Community Benefit Fund grant application form, available from the YCE website. Electronic submission only is permitted. Submit the form and supporting documentation online in the form of a Word document or PDF and return it to: info@yealmenergy.co.uk

When funds are available, the application process will publicly advertised in parish magazines, on the YCE website, through emails sent out to Members and other interested parties, and hopefully by parish councils. It is expected that there will be a single annual round of applications.

How is a decision made?

Decisions on awarding grants are not made by YCE, but by a panel drawn from YCE board members and people from the five parishes independent of YCE.

What is the process for awarding a grant?

On receipt of a grant application YCE and the Community Benefit Fund panel will:

Verify:

- the organisation in whose name the application is being made
- the applicant as a representative of the organisation

Validate

- the purpose to which the grant will be put aligns with the Community Benefit Fund criteria for awarding grants
- there is sufficient information provided on the application to make a decision as to whether to award the grant; the applicant will be contacted if further information or a meeting is required
- the track record of the organisation indicates that the risk of the grant not being spent is low

Consider:

- the beneficial impact on the community accruing as a result of the grant
- the likelihood of the successful completion of the activity which the grant is to support
- the extent to which the application has attracted other support, e.g. match funding

Conclude:

- a decision will be made whether or not to award the grant; this decision is final
- notify the result of the decision to the applicant

Follow-up:

- measure the impact of grants awarded via the grant monitoring report