



DORSET COMMUNITY ENERGY COMMUNITY FUND

This is now up and running with an initial fund contribution of £1582 in respect of the 2019/20 financial year. This level of contribution is expected to increase each year as capital repayments are made to members. £602 of the 2020 round currently remains available. The next round for applications will open in May 2021 when a further £3164 will become available i.e. the community fund currently available is £3766. Applications should be in the range £500 to £1500. Dorset Community Energy reserves the right to offer less than the funding applied for in the event of a high number of eligible applications.

The closing date for applications is 31st July 2021 and successful applicants will be notified by 7th September

To be eligible for funding

1. Your project must aim to reduce carbon emissions and/or address fuel poverty. Carbon reduction does not just relate to energy projects; it might also include local food, sustainable transport or waste reduction or indeed any activity that reduces carbon emissions.
2. The location of the project must be within the geographical area of the Dorset and BCP Councils.
3. The application must be on behalf of a community, self-help or voluntary group, a community enterprise or a charity.

Examples of what applications can be for:

1. Capital costs such as equipment.
2. Revenue costs such as help towards staffing or payment of external consultant support, or running costs, such as transport and office costs.
3. The project work may also aim to deliver some of the following secondary objectives:
 - Addressing a specific community issue, concern or problem
 - Educating people of all ages
 - Providing vocational training
 - Offering training and/or support for volunteers
 - Raising awareness of or offering practical support for action to reduce carbon emissions or fuel poverty.
4. Energy efficiency reviews or audits in order for organisations to meet the application criteria for larger funds, such as the neighbourhood portion of Community Infrastructure Levy.

To be considered for a DCECF grant, please complete and send the attached application form to Pete West at pete@dorsetcommunityenergy.org.uk. If you require assistance to complete the form please use the above email address or telephone Pete on 07532 339582