



DORSET COMMUNITY ENERGY COMMUNITY FUND CRITERIA 2024

The next round for applications will open from 01 April 2024. The community fund currently available is £9980. 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.

To be eligible for funding:

- 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.
- The location of the project must be within the geographical area of the Dorset and BCP Councils.
- 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:

- Capital costs such as equipment.
- Revenue costs such as help towards staffing or payment of external consultant support, or running costs, such as transport and office costs.
- 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.
- 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.

To be considered for a DCECF grant, please complete and send the application form to Lucy Beasley at lucy@dorsetcommunityenergy.org.uk by 7th May 2024. If you require assistance to complete the form please use the above email address or telephone Lucy on 07429065155