Keep Scotland Beautiful

Climate Challenge Fund

Climate Challenge Fund grants and woodfuel projects

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Keep Scotland Beautiful

Keep Scotland Beautiful is the independent charity which campaigns, acts and educates on a range of local, national and global environmental issues which affect people's quality of life.

It is committed to making Scotland Clean and Green, today and tomorrow.

Our message on sustainability and climate change

Keep Scotland Beautiful is the proud deliverer of government-led initiatives to promote sustainable living and reduce carbon use so that Scotland plays its part in tackling climate change; it's part of our work to help make Scotland clean and green, today and tomorrow.

The Climate Challenge Fund

The dangers of Climate Change

- Greenhouse gas emissions rising - so are temperatures
- Sea level rise, storms and floods. Heatwaves and drought
- Disruption and destruction of species, habitats and ecosystems
- Disruption of food production, problems water security

A community-based solution

- Community groups working together with their communities can reduce carbon footprint in their communities and help tackle climate change

The Climate Challenge Fund

- Supporting community groups tackling climate change

What does the CCF offer?

Financial support

- Up to £150,000/yr per project until March 2015
- For community groups wanting to tackle climate change by reducing carbon footprint in their community
- Development Grants of £750 to help disadvantaged communities, ethnic minority communities and young people to develop their application
- CCF projects can now generate income

Support from Keep Scotland Beautiful

- Dedicated Development Officer
  - project ideas
  - application
  - project implementation
- Free workshops to increase community group knowledge and capacity

Is your Community Group eligible for CCF funding?

Groups receiving CCF funding in the past include:

Arts Groups, Sports Clubs, Community Councils, Faith Groups, Student Unions, Residents Associations, Local Charities, Food Groups, Community Led Housing Associations and Development Trusts.

……as long as your group is led by their community and operated on a not for profit basis they could be eligible for funding.

What type of project would work best in your community?

Does your community

Have a cold & expensive to heat community building?	Find it expensive to heat and light their homes	Want community space to grow food?	Want alternatives to driving.

What could a CCF grant fund?

Energy efficient measures e.g. insulation	Setup and run a local energy efficiency project.	Setup a community allotment and cut down on food waste	Set up and promote lower carbon travel alternatives

Carbon footprint decrease

Building takes less energy to heat	Homes take less energy to heat	Food and consumers don't travel as far	Community car shares, cycles and walks

Community benefits

A warm community building Decrease in energy bills	Decrease in bills More comfortable, healthy homes	Community growing space Gardening is great for physical and mental health	Increased options for public transport Walking & cycling can improve fitness

What type of project would work best in your community?

A project covering multiple areas

Shettleston Community Growing Project, Glasgow

- reduced carbon footprint through locally grown food at a successful community allotment scheme
- plus initiatives to reduce car use

- promote tool recycling.

Or something completely different!

- innovative projects encouraged e.g. Beith Development Trust

…but all projects must meet CCF criteria

CCF criteria; funding available for projects that…….

1. Are community-led with the participants at the heart of decision making

- by the community not to the community

2. Aim to achieve a realistic and measureable carbon footprint reduction in your community

- support from Keep Scotland Beautiful

3. Demonstrate how you will help create a sustainable legacy after the CCF funded period

- e.g. an energy efficient community hall

CCF Funding and woodfuel projects

Three projects funded by CCF grants involving woodfuel so far…

1. Wood for All, Transition Stirling
CCF grant of £365,065

2. Pure Power for Lochbroom, Ullapool Community Trust Ltd
CCF grant of £67,370

3. The Forest of Falkland, Falkland Stewardship Trust
CCF grant of £76,490

Case study

Received a CCF grant of £365,065.40 in February 2012.

Project aims:

- **Access local woodlands for fuel, link underused woodlands and local community interest**
- **Decrease carbon footprint**
- **Increase local resilience by having local fuel and increasing forestry skills**

Case study: Wood for All project run by Transition Stirling

What has the CCF grant funded?

£

- Staff salaries
- Events and promotional material
- Equipment
- Office costs
- Training costs
- Consultants costs

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Project activities…

Access to local woodlands for fuel:

- Engaging with local woodlands
- Free community skills and training events

Decreasing carbon footprint:

a. Installing biomass and other renewable heating devices

- Aim to facilitate in 50 local houses through impartial assessments and promotional events

b. Behaviour change

- In 400 local households – carbon detox cards issued
- Plus local farmers carbon footprinting

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A sustainable legacy...

Carbon footprint decrease:

- Household heating change to biomass/renewables = 11350 tonnes CO2e life time savings
- Behaviour change = 3950 tonnes CO2e lifetime savings

Community benefits:

- Local fuel - community cohesion and resilience
- New skills
- Future employment via social enterprise activities

How to Apply for a CCF Grant

1. Expression of Interest – complete on CCF website.

- Chat with a Development Officer before submitting
- Can submit at any point, but……
- Important to leave enough time if want application presented to a specific grant panel

2. Draft application

- Feedback from your development officer
- Resources from KSB
- Next draft application deadlines 5 April 2013 & 5 July 2013

3. Full application

- Presented to grant panel

Development Grants of £750

- Apply for via CCF website at any point

Upcoming events and opportunities

Free training and seminars (travel expenses and accommodation expenses paid)

- **Free for any community tackling climate change; various topics.**

Climate Challenge Fund newsletter

- **Sign up via CCF website.**

Climate Challenge Fund Facebook group and Twitter

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