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Climate Challenge Fund - what type of project would help your community?

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Background

- **Problem**

-Climate Change

- **A community-based solution**

-Acting together

- **The Climate Challenge Fund**

–Supporting community groups tackling climate change.

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What does the CCF offer?

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- **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
-plus Development Grants of £750 to help disadvantaged communities and Young People to develop their application

- **Support from Keep Scotland Beautiful**

Dedicated Development Officer for the lifetime of your project
- project ideas
- application
- project implementation
- Free workshops to increase community group knowledge and capacity

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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.

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How have previous CCF projects reduced carbon footprint?

Improved energy efficiency

Provided lower carbon transport options

Production and consumption of local food

Reduced, reused and recycled

Community improvements

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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.
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

What could a CCF grant fund?

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

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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

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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

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How to Apply for a CCF Grant

1. Expression of Interest – complete on CCF website.

-feedback from your Development Officer

can submit at any point

-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

3. Full application

-Presented to grant panel

Development Grant

-apply for via CCF website at any point

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Upcoming events and opportunities

- **Free training and seminars**

Free for any community tackling climate change; various topics.

- **Climate Challenge Fund newsletter**

Sign up via CCF website.

- **Climate Challenge Fund Facebook group**

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