

Ferry Farm Community Grant Fund Eligibility Criteria

1. No grants will be made to private organisations operating as a business to make a profit or surplus or operating for private gain.
2. No grants will be made to political parties or to organisations intending to support or oppose a political party.
3. Religious organisations may only apply for grant funding if that funding will be used for a project of clear benefit for the wider Selsey and Sidlesham communities, irrespective of religious beliefs. Grant funding may not be used for the purpose of financially supporting worship or proselytization.
4. No grants will be made to individuals.
5. Any organisation applying for grant funding must have a written Constitution formally adopted by its members. It must also have a bank account in its own name, with two authorised representatives required to sign each cheque.
6. Organisations applying for grants may be asked to provide audited accounts or accounts that have been independently examined by a suitably qualified person for the previous two financial years. Newly-formed organisations must provide a comprehensive budget and business plan.
7. Applications may not be made to cover money already spent.
8. A final statement of progress made against the aims specified in the grant application must be submitted to Ferry Farm Community Solar before the end of the financial year in which the grant was awarded. Where appropriate, photographs of completed projects would be appreciated.
9. Should the grant not be spent or be spent on any purpose except that for which it was awarded, it may be reclaimed by Ferry Farm Community Solar.
10. Organisations must comply with all relevant legal and statutory requirements. In particular, they must be committed to equality, diversity and inclusion and must, if they work with children and/or vulnerable adults, have relevant and up-to-date policies and procedures in place.
11. Grant funding, if awarded, may not be added to reserves (unless as part of a programme of funding for a particular project previously disclosed to and approved by Ferry Farm Community Solar). The level of an organisation's available reserves may be taken into account when judging the relative merits of applications.
12. All groups applying must generally be located in and operating in the parishes of Sidlesham and Selsey; furthermore, the applications must benefit those local communities. Partnership applications are acceptable but all partners to an application must satisfy the eligibility criteria.
13. Projects must show relevance to at least one of the following categories under the overall theme of 'The Environment'.

Category	Examples of Possible Grant Bid Topics
Environmental Education	✿ Engaging primary school age children in nature ✿ Adult environmental engagement – e.g. talks, film nights, nature walks for low income households ✿ Low carbon skills training – e.g. electric vehicle training for apprentice mechanics ✿ Youth climate action – e.g. mock climate citizens assembly, supporting youth-led climate campaigning
Biodiversity	Biodiversity and carbon sequestration - funding projects that encourage the following: ✿ Litter removal / fly tipping prevention ✿ Tree and hedge planting – the right native species in the right place ✿ Community orchards ✿ Wildflower seeding ✿ Wetland improvements (ditches and rifes) ✿ Dead hedging ✿ Dead wood piles ✿ Bug hotels ✿ Pond creation, recovery, and improvement ✿ Biodiversity recording training and gathering – to increase biological data in the area for the purposes of future conservation planning, mitigation, and improvement ✿ Equipment to have as a community resource to be used to carry out the above
Energy	✿ A revolving fund to help schools and community buildings fund the survey and consultancy support costs to unlock government zero interest loans and grants for low carbon measures (e.g. Salix finance) ✿ Awareness raising with the offer of support to help local businesses and community buildings fit energy saving and renewable energy measures ✿ Funding renewable energy and energy efficiency measures in community buildings ✿ Co-funding Chichester District Council energy grants
Climate Change Readiness	Projects which help the community understand and prepare for the impacts of climate change, community-led action on climate change, community-led projects which help mitigate the impacts of climate change. Many areas are explored in the Chichester District Council Emergency Detailed Action Plan at: https://www.chichester.gov.uk/climatechange . ✿ Developing a plan to manage the likely impacts of climate change

	and develop a net zero transition plan for the local community ✿ Encouraging behaviour changes ✿ Low emission working ✿ Low emission transport solutions (public and private) ✿ Access – cycles, walking etc ✿ Energy efficiencies – reducing energy use ✿ Waste initiatives / increased recycling / reuse / reduction ✿ Water conservation ✿ Planting choices adaption (drought resistant / wet winter resistant) ✿ Water storage / flood risk reduction ✿ Building resilience (grey water schemes, insulation, solar, efficient boiler systems) ✿ Building flood adaptation (higher electricity points, external thresholds, inbuilt flood defences) ✿ Economic resilience – sustainability, supporting small local businesses etc.
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14. All applications should be as concise and clear as possible. The preferred application method is by completing a downloaded .docx version of the application form and submitting it by email.
15. All applications will be acknowledged, and decisions will be made within two months of the closing dates.

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