

## RWE Tween Bridge Wind Farm Community Fund – Guidelines for applicants

The grant programme supports projects benefitting local people within 3 miles of the Tween Bridge wind farm near Thorne, Doncaster that support one or more of the following themes:

- Local community
- Fighting climate change and protecting the natural environment
- Education and training
- Physical and mental health and wellbeing
- Children and young people
- Emerging local needs and emergency situations
- Vulnerable or isolated older people.

### How much can I apply for?

- Most grants will be between £500 and £7,500, usually to be spent within one year
- Grants of more than £7,500 in one year may be considered in exceptional circumstance
- Multi-year grants of up £15,000 over 3 years will be considered

### Where can activities take place?

This fund exists to benefit people close to the windfarm, so it has a clear geographical limit, called the Area of Benefit. All projects must benefit residents of the Area of Benefit to be eligible for funding. The Area of Benefit is a 3-mile radius around the Tween Bridge wind farm and includes:

- Thorne and Moorends
- parts of Hatfield, Hatfield Woodhouse, Fosterhouses, Stainforth, Ealand, Fishlake, Crowle and Sandtoft and other settlements within the defined 3-mile radius of the wind farm

There's a map [here](#) (click on Tweenbridge)

Applications from local organisations, based within the Area of Benefit, will be prioritised.

Applications from organisations based outside the Area of Benefit will be considered on a case-by-case basis. They must demonstrate clear benefit to residents of the Area of Benefit as well as a serious commitment to securing additional match funding, bringing additional resources into the area.

### Who can apply?

- Community organisations, including charities, community groups, clubs and not-for-profit social enterprises
- Local schools and colleges
- Parish and town councils from within the Area of Benefit

All applicants must have beneficiaries within the Area of Benefit and be able to evidence this.

Applicants need to have:

- a governing document (e.g., a constitution, set of rules or memorandum of association),
- a board or management committee of at least three unrelated people, and
- a bank account in the name of the group requiring at least two unrelated signatories

*For very small / new organisations that do not have a bank of building society account applications may be considered from partner organisations on behalf of the group – please speak to us to find out more about this option before making an application.*

### What can I spend the money on?

Anything that delivers the impact for your community and supports the fund themes. It could be:

- Capital work (e.g., equipment, building works or repairs, provided you own or lease the building/land being built on or repaired), or
- Revenue, including room hire, volunteer expenses, sessional staff or salaries (e.g., extra hours for an existing staff member, or a short-term contract)

Don't forget to include a fair share of overheads like rent, utilities, and admin or management costs needed to support your project – but please show us how you have calculated this.

### If you are asking for staff costs:

Applications towards staff costs must show how the position will measurably contribute to the aims and priorities of the Tween Bridge Wind Farm Community Benefit grants.

Applications towards staff costs must also:

- Show how the rate of pay has been arrived at (for example benchmarking against similar posts or adopting recognised pay scales). The panel would encourage you to pay the [Living Wage](#) as a minimum
- Provide a job description and person specification for the post
- For new staff, outline the recruitment process, ensuring this is being run in a fair and open way
- For existing staff, outline how the post was previously funded, and why this funding is required.

For multi-year grants, grant payments in each year will be dependent on a satisfactory progress report showing what has been achieved in the previous year.

### Do we need match funding?

- For local organisations, match funding is not essential: you can apply for the full amount you need
- For larger and multi-year applications, or applications from groups with a higher income, some match funding will strengthen the bid
- Applications from organisations based outside of the Area of Benefit will be expected to demonstrate a serious commitment to securing additional match funding, bringing additional resources into the area.

Examples of match funding include:

- cash (either from your organisation's own funds or from another funder)
- volunteer time or other in-kind contributions
- assets

Please note this list is not exhaustive.

### Who and what cannot be funded?

- Metropolitan Borough Councils
- For-profit organisations
- Individuals
- Activity for private benefit (schemes which individuals can access such as an educational bursary may be acceptable)
- Activity that promotes a particular religious or political views
- Activity which replaces existing statutory provision (but such facilities could be enhanced e.g., parks)
- Funding for things that have already happened
- Projects which SYCF considers may be unsafe or against the interests of the developer or wind farm landowner(s)

*We can fund religious organisations delivering activity which benefits the community (like running a food bank), but we cannot fund religious services or activity intended to promote a particular religion.*

*If activity is intended to target a particular group of people (ethnicity, gender, religion, etc.) there should be a good reason for this, for example is this the best way to redress an existing inequality or to ensure services reach a group which would otherwise be underserved or marginalised.*

### Contact us

If you're ready to apply, complete the online application form [here](#).

If you would like more information or to discuss your application, please get in touch with the Grants Team via [grants@sycf.org.uk](mailto:grants@sycf.org.uk).