

## Blackstone Edge Wind Farm Carbon Reduction Funds

Grants are available for community organisations addressing carbon reduction and climate change activities:

- **Where:** Within the parishes of Dunford, Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth, Thurlstone, Penistone, Upper Derby and parts of Holmfirth
- **When:** Open for applications now with a rolling deadline. The next panel will meet in September

### Aim of the fund

Ventient Energy established the Blackstone Edge Windfarm Carbon Reduction Fund to support local community organisations, benefiting people living close to the Blackstone Edge windfarm in North West Barnsley and South Kirklees. Grants are available for organisations that promote carbon reduction activities, including:

- Improvements to community buildings, i.e. a new energy efficient boiler, insulation to help reduce the cost of bills, installing rainwater harvesting systems, energy saving bulb replacement schemes in community run buildings
- Environmental protection or improvement
- Bio-diversity and habitat conservation
- Energy conservation and sustainable transport options
- Capital items with a tangible and lasting benefit, including improvements to community buildings
- Bio-diversity and habitat conservation
- Energy conservation and increased use of renewables

Groups applying for this funding should be able to demonstrate how they meet the priorities. If planning permission is required this needs to be acquired before submitting a grant application.

### Information workshop

There will be an online workshop to provide information and support your in your application on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10am. This workshop will include:

- Information about the funding that's available
- Advice on project ideas from a climate change consultant
- Support on impact measurement
- Information about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and how to use them
- Q+A

Please sign up using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/blackstone-edge-wind-farm-funding-workshop-tickets-360330306647>

### UN SDGs

In 2015, the 193 United Nations member states adopted the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) - a historic commitment that embraced a common vision and blueprint for a sustainable future. The 2030 Agenda is a 15-year

global framework centred on a diverse set of 17 interconnected Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with 169 targets and 232 individual indicators. They address the global challenges we face including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace, and justice. The SDGs are based on five pillars for sustainable development: people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnerships.

As a place based funder we know that it is the projects led by local communities who really effect change. We use the SDGs at SYCF because we recognise their benefit and use in helping us promote community development in a sustainable way. We want to equip community organisations who are making a real difference in their locality to use the goals too so they can present and monitor the work they do in the local context and relate it to the global scale. Webinars, training and networking events will be incorporated into the funds life cycle as well as a shared learning environment to learn from others at different stages of the journey. Optional mentoring schemes will be offered to share best practice. These learning events and activities will form part of the pre-application and post-application support for community organisations.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



### What is the area of benefit?

The wind farm is situated in West Barnsley located at Blackstone Edge, the area of benefit is a 5km boundary of the wind farm site. This includes Dunford, Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth, Thurlstone, Penistone, Upper Denby and parts of Holmfirth. Projects outside the 5km boundary of the wind farm may also apply if the majority of the beneficiaries of the project/activity reside within the 5km area.

Map: <https://www.sycf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Blackstone-Area-of-Benefit-A3-sml.pdf>

## How much can I apply for?

Grants of £1,000 – £25,000 for projects or schemes that promote carbon reduction activities.

## Who can apply?

Charities, community groups, clubs and not-for-profit social enterprises. To be eligible for a grant:

- You must have a governing document (e.g. a constitution or memorandum of association)
- You must have a board or management committee of at least three unrelated people
- You must have a bank account in the name of the group requiring at least two unrelated signatories
- Locally led, run, and constituted, community or voluntary organisations
- Local schools and colleges
- Parish Councils

## What will not be funded?

- For-profit organisations or overseas organisations
- Retrospective funding (activity and costs that have already taken place or repayment of money which has already been spent)
- Overseas trips or expeditions
- Grant-making to other organisations and/or individuals
- Organisations or activities primarily for the benefit of animals rather than people
- Activity that promotes a particular political or religious point of view
- Town or Metropolitan Borough councils
- The promotion of religious or political views
- To replace existing statutory provision (but such facilities could be enhanced e.g. Parks)
- Against the interests of the developer or wind farm landowner(s) or anti-renewable energy/ wind farm activities
- Retrospective funding – i.e. things or activities that either have already been paid for, or have already happened

## What reporting will be required?

Both in the application stage and in the reporting stage we will ask you to discuss the SDGs. We recognise these won't be familiar to everyone, so SYCF will be on hand to support and information webinars will be offered to support your application and then also post awarding of grant too (please see dates below).

We're keen to understand what difference our grants make, and to share good stories with our donors and supporters. We also want you to learn from delivering your project, and to share that learning with us and with others. Finally, we have to ensure that funding has been appropriately spent, in line with your application and our terms and conditions.

For all of these reasons, we'll ask you to send us an end of grant report, confirming your expenditure and sharing information about the difference the grant has made to your group and beneficiaries. This must be completed six weeks after the grant has been spent or the activity has finished. We'll send you a link to the online end of grant report form with treasurer's confirmation form around the same time as we make your grant payment.

We might also arrange to come and visit your project, or contact you during the project to discuss your progress.

## How does decision making work?

1. Your application will be assessed against the criteria, aims and priorities above
2. We may contact you to ask some additional questions, or to arrange an assessment visit to your group
3. Our panel of independent volunteer decision makers will make their decisions

If your application does not meet our criteria, or if the panel decide it is not a priority for funding, we will contact you to let you know.

## When can I apply?

Please note that this is a rolling grants programme and any applications received after this date will be sent to the panel within approximately two months. The next panel date will be around September.

## To apply:

<https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/SouthYorkshireCF/Blackstone2020>

This guide sets out key information to assist you in applying to this programme. If you have any questions or wish to discuss your funding needs with us, then please contact South Yorkshire's Community Foundation grants team on 0114 242 4857 or by e-mail at [grants@sycf.org.uk](mailto:grants@sycf.org.uk).

Applications will be assessed according to the strength of need, the plan of activities, measurement of impact outcomes and how it supports the priorities of the programme. On receipt of the application forms, we will check the eligibility and supporting documents.

## Programme timetable:

ACTIVITY	TIME PERIOD
Online workshop to support application	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Deadline for all application forms	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2022
Award funding	End of September 2022
Post funding support	October 2022
Projects start	October 2022
Final evaluation	October 2023