



The Community Climate and Nature Grant Scheme Policy

The Community Climate and Nature Grant Scheme is open to community groups in Claygate from April 2022. Non-profit groups or organisations can apply for funding of up to £1,300 for new projects which will deliver carbon reduction and/or ecological enhancement in your community, based around four themes.

- Community Buildings – for example, energy conservation or efficiency measures. Measures that could be funded include solar panels, LED lighting, window replacements or insulation for buildings such as village halls and community centres
- Sustainable Transport – for example, community cycle parking or electric vehicle charging points
- Nature – this could include tree planting, community allotment projects, or the creation or enhancement of a community nature area
- Other Projects – such as waste reduction projects, or community initiatives that promote sustainable lifestyle choices

The project must:

- Be a new initiative
- Have longevity beyond the funding provided by the Council with a commitment to ongoing maintenance
- Include a commitment to inform the wider community about the project and encourage others to take action.
- Take place within the Claygate Parish Boundaries.

Who is not eligible?

- Individuals
- Organisations which aim to distribute a profit
- Organisations which do not work within the Parish boundaries
- Organisations with no established management committee

What is not eligible?

- Projects that have been completed prior to an application being submitted
- Ongoing revenue costs for a project

- Annual maintenance or repair
- Projects promoting a political party
- Projects that conflict with existing Parish Council policies
- VAT that an organisation can recover

When the Community Climate and Nature Grant application is below £500:

The accounts and constitution of the organisation applying for the grant should be available for inspection, unless it is to an organisation which is just setting up. The organisation should be able to prove sound financial management and have a bank account requiring at least two signatories.

When the grant is substantial (over £500):

- a. The accounts and constitution of the organisation applying for the grant should be available for inspection, unless it is to an organisation which is just setting-up.
- b. The application should be supported by a project plan and statement of other funding sources - including information about approaches for funding which were unsuccessful.
- c. The organisation should be able to prove sound financial management and have a bank account requiring at least two signatories.
- d. The Parish Council will consider the application only if the requested grant cannot be reasonably funded from income and/or reserves of the organisation applying.
- e. If the grant is to be the 'seed' funding source for a particular project the organisation should be able to show other sources of funding that will contribute once an initial amount is raised.
- f. If the Claygate Parish Council is to be the provider of 'last resort' the organisation should be able to show other fund-raising activities or sources of funding.
- g. The grant should be match-funded or some other resource provided i.e. labour, by the organisation receiving the grant.

Exceptions may apply and can be made at the discretion of the Council. The Council reserves the right to reject any application for any reason.

Procedure: If you have any queries relating to an application please contact the Parish Clerk clerk@claygateparishcouncil.gov.uk

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