



# Northumberland County Council

## **Northumberland Climate Change Fund**

Climate change is a significant long-term challenge for the planet and for Northumberland. We are committed to taking action to reduce the impacts climate change will have on all our lives long into the future.

### **Purpose of the Grant Funding**

Our Climate Action Plan 2021-23 outlines the significant role that everyone across Northumberland can play in achieving our goal to reach Net Zero Carbon emissions across the County by 2030. The Council has established the Community Climate Fund to enable community organisations to develop their own schemes to contribute to this goal.

For more information, please contact: [climate@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:climate@northumberland.gov.uk)

### **Eligible Activity**

Through the Community Climate Change Fund, two opportunities are available. The list is not exclusive, but the grant could be used to support activities such as:

Small bid: up to £1,000:

- Event equipment
- Promotional materials
- One off hire cost
- Tree planting
- Energy audits/EPC ratings/retrofit assessments
- Community orchards or forests
- Larger events or series of events

Bigger bid: up to £5,000:

- Renewable energy/retrofitting
- Paid community positions
- Can be used to match fund larger projects, but cannot be used to match fund other Council funded projects
- To apply, projects must be a new initiative, demonstrate longevity and show a commitment to engaging the wider community to encourage action on climate change.

Exclusions

- Projects or activities that do not have a climate-focus or do not align with the Council's Climate Change Action Plan
- Entertainment licenses, road closures, and traffic management

- Core organisational costs, such as transport and premises
- Goods and services already purchased
- Personal attire, such as sports kits and uniforms
- Tourism/visitors
- Social excursions
- Food and hospitality
- Loan repayments
- Fundraising
- Annual or repeat funding
- Consumables
- Parish allotments
- Religious or political activities
- Projects or events that would otherwise already be funded
- The funding will be allocated within the financial year in two rounds, with a potential third round, until the budget is fully allocated.

### **Grant Details**

- Small bid: up to £1,000
- Bigger bid: up to £5,000
- 100% intervention rate (no match funding required)
- Cannot be used to match other funding from the Council
- Delivered in rounds throughout the year until the budget is fully allocated
- Deadline 1 – 15th June 2022

As an organisation, you are allowed to submit one application of your choice per round of funding. If your organization is successful in the first round, they can reapply in a subsequent round however the total grant to that organization will have a combined upper limit of £5,000.00

### **Eligibility**

We are offering financial support to help the following organisations in Northumberland make changes to become more sustainable:

- Voluntary and community groups
- Registered charities
- Constituted group or club
- Community interest company (CIC)
- Social enterprise
- Parish Councils
- Faith groups may also apply, provided their projects are inclusive

Beneficiaries must be domiciled in Northumberland.

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