







Galway Wind Park COVID-19 Response Fund (2020) Application form

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Coronavirus COVID-19







The Galway Wind Park Covid-19 Response Fund (2020) is a €70,000 fund launched by SSE Renewables and Greencoat Renewables to support local communities around Galway Wind Park in Connemara, Co. Galway.

The funding, which is being made immediately available, will support direct community assistance activities in the areas around the wind farm. The funds are available as an emergency cash injection for community groups that are currently mobilising a rapid response to support those most-in-need, including the vulnerable, as a direct result of the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak.

In addition to supporting rapid response initiatives that are currently being mobilised, funding will also be available for projects that will help rebuild our community in the months ahead.

The Covid-19 response funding is being released early from the overall Galway Wind Park annual Community Fund to ensure emergency funds are made available now when they are needed most. Jointly owned by SSE Renewables and Greencoat Renewables, the wind farm already operates an overall €400,000-plus Community Fund paid annually in contributions to local groups and individuals via its Local Fund, Major Projects Fund, and Scholarship Fund.

Eligibility

The funding is available to volunteer-led community groups delivering Covid response activities to communities and individuals living within 10km of Galway Wind Park with a preference given to those within 5km of the windfarm.

Fund Deadline

Applications will be assessed on a first-come basis and will be rapidly processed to ensure that funding reaches the community need as quickly as possible.

What can the fund be used for?

Volunteer groups providing emergency assistance to the vulnerable in response to the Covid-19 pandemic can apply for funding. Support is also available for projects that will help rebuild our community in the months ahead.

Fund criteria

The fund is open to projects which improve the community response and support those at most risk from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

In the event the fund is oversubscribed priority will be given to applications which:

- Are within 5km from the windfarm
- On a first come first serve basis

The fund is unable to support

- Projects which do not benefit people living within 10km from the wind farm
- Individuals
- The advancement of religion or politics
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before we have decided on an application (retrospective funding).
- Payments towards activity which is the responsibility of statutory authorities.

Further Information

If you require more detail, please contact:

Anne Reynolds, Community Funds Manager, 00 353 (086) 878 3104 anne.reynolds@sse.com Michelle Donnelly, Community Funds Manager, 0044 7921099663 michelle.donnelly@sse.com

Please note the team are working irregular hours during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Where possible please use email to contact us.

COVID-19 resilient communities fund application form

Please read the guidelines before completing this form. All sections must be completed, and applications must be returned electronically to Anne Reynolds, Community Fund Manager at GWPcommunityfund@sse.com

If extra space is required, a separate A4 document may be attached.				
SECTION 1: ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY				
Name of community group				
Contact name				
Email address				
Telephone daytime / alternative				
Contact address (including postcode)				
Approximate number of beneficiaries?				
SECTION 2: FUND APPLICATION				
Please describe the project you are looking for GWP to fund. e.g. • What issues will you address? • How will you do this? (activities you will deliver, equipment needed, how it will be used) • Where will the project take place? (suggested 150 - 400 words)				

Please describe if your project supports any of the priority areas of the fund.

- Communities who are particularly remote or isolated
- Projects which support a high number of vulnerable community members

(suggested 100 - 250 words)

SECTION 3: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please provide, or attach separately, an indicative cost breakdown of the project and indicate which elements you are requesting from this fund.

Item	Request €	Total amount €
Total		

SECTION 4: CHECKLIST		
	YES	NO
We have appropriate procedures in place to carry out our project safely.		
We will gain ensure all activities will be delivered in an approach which safeguards vulnerable people.		
I can confirm this project doesn't require retrospective funding.		
Please send in a bank statement sowing the groups bank details to allow quick transfer of funds if successful.		

Declaration

By submitting this application form to GWP you certify that the information contained in this application is correct, and that you, the contact person listed in Section 1, are authorised to make the application on behalf of the above group. You understand that decisions made by GWP are final.

Data protection

We will use the information you give us to help assess your application and administer any grant we award you. We may also use it to analyse our grant-making and for our own research. We may give copies of this information to individuals and organisations we consult when assessing applications, when monitoring grants and evaluating our programmes.

We will hold the information you provide for up to seven years if you are successful in receiving an award, otherwise we will hold the information you provide for a period no longer than three years if the application is unsuccessful. This information will be used for monitoring purposes, such as reporting, to identify repeat applicants and for legal requirements such as money laundering regulations.

Completed forms and accompanying information should be returned electronically to: GWPcommunityfund@sse.com

Date submitted Signed