Greater Gabbard Community Fund

**What is the Greater Gabbard Community Fund?**

Community grants are intended to help small local groups near to the Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm operation base in Lowestoft, Suffolk. The funds of up to £1,000 can help groups who need small amounts of support to pursue their objectives.

**Who can apply?**

* The fund is only open to community groups who have a constitution.
* The fund is only open to community groups in Lowestoft and surrounding areas or groups delivering the benefit in (the wards of Carlton & Whitton; Carlton Colvillle; Gunton & St Margarets; Harbour & Normanston; Kessingland; Kirkley & Pakefield; Lothingland; Oulton Broad).

**What can grants be used for?**

Community-focused or charitable activities which:

* enhance quality of life for local residents;
* contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities; and/or
* promote community spirit and encourage community activity

**What cannot be supported**

* Project which do not support people within Lowestoft and surrounding areas (the wards of (Carlton & Whitton; Carlton Colvillle; Gunton & St Margarets; Harbour & Normanston; Kessingland; Kirkley & Pakefield; Lothingland; Oulton Broad)
* The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups)
* The purchase of firearms
* Costs of energy consumption (instead we encourage funding to be used to provide energy efficiency measures which help reduce energy consumption)
* The repayment of loans or payment of debts
* Retrospective funding
* Payments towards areas generally understood to be the primary responsibility of statutory authorities
* Anti-wind farm/renewable energy activities, including activities contrary to the interests of Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm and its subsidiaries

**How to apply?**

Community groups seeking a community grant should complete the short application form (a template is attached to this guidance).

**Where to apply?**

**Please send your completed community grant application form to** **Jacqueline.Durnin@sse.com****.**

A panel of representatives from the Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm and local stakeholders consider applications once a quarter.

grant application

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| **Name of group** |  |
| **Contact address** |  |
| **Contact email** |  |
| **Contact phone number** |  |
| **Please confirm the project is for the benefit of residents of Lowestoft and surrounding area (the wards of Carlton & Whitton; Carlton Colvillle; Gunton & St Margarets; Harbour & Normanston; Kessingland; Kirkley & Pakefield; Lothingland; Oulton Broad)** | Yes [ ]  No [ ]   |
| **What was your groups income and expenditure in the last year?** |  |
| **Please describe the project you are seeking funding towards?** Please give details of **project milestones**.Suggested word limit 150 words |
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| **How will the project help the community?**Suggested word limit 150 words |
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| **How much funding are you looking for?** |
| **Total project cost** | **£** |
| **Grant request amount** | **£** |
| **Will you be contributing any of your own funds to the projects or undertaking local fundraising to help meet the costs?** |
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| **Please confirm you have included:** |
| A bank statement from the community groups in the last three months | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |
| A copy of the group’s constitution  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]  |

**Declaration**

By submitting this application form you certify that the information contained in this application is correct, and that if you are awarded a grant, you will use it only for the purposes described above. You understand that decisions made by the panel are final.

**Data protection**

SSE Renewables, on behalf of Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm,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. Please read our [Data Protection Privacy Notice](https://www.sserenewables.com/privacy-notice/) before applying for funding.

Signed:  Date:

Name:

Position: