MICRO grant

**What are micro grants?**

Micro grants are intended to make the SSE Renewables community funds available to individuals and small local groups who need small amounts to pursue their objectives. The process of applying for and receiving a micro grant is intended to be relatively quick and light touch and will be managed by your local community council.

**What can micro grants be used for?**

Community-focussed 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 the community council area.
* 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.
* Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before we have made a decision on an application (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 SSE and its subsidiaries.

**Who can apply?**

Individuals and groups seeking a micro grant should complete the short application form (a template is attached to this guidance). Completed application forms should be sent directly to your community council.

**Where to apply?**

**Please send your completed micro grant application form to your local community council.**

If you wish to know which community council area you live in, information and maps can be found in the Community Council section of your local authorities’ website. Contact details for each community council are available on local authorities’ website.

The community council will inform you by letter or email on the outcome of your application as soon as possible, but the timescale will depend on when community council meetings are held.

MICRO grant application

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| **Name of group** |  |
| **Contact address** |  |
| **Contact email** |  |
| **In which community council area does your group work?** |  |
| **Do you have a constitution?** |  |
| **What was your groups income and expenditure in the last year?** |  |
| **Please describe the project you are looking for funding for?** | |
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| **How will the project help the community?** | |
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| **How much funding are you looking for?** | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Total project cost |  | | Micro grant request |  | | |
| **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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**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 Community Council are final.

Signed:  Date: