

Carbon Reduction Community Grants Programme



Grants Available

The Carbon Reduction Community Grants Programme is open to any Community Group, Community Interest Company and Charity in Tower Hamlets to support carbon reductions through either building retrofit projects or community engagement activities.

These grants can fully fund your programme though if you have match funding for your project this is favourable.

The grants that are available are.

- > If you are replacing a gas boiler with a form of electric heating (such as a heat pump) or installing a renewable energy technology (such as Solar Panels), you can apply for up to **£20,000**.
- > For all other energy retrofit projects, such as lighting and replacement equipment you can apply for up to **£10,000**.
- > Grants of up to **£5,000** to carry out learning and behavioural change projects. These are projects that should improve learning and encourage

behaviour change of local residents and groups in Tower Hamlets on energy and carbon reduction that will result in evidenced carbon reductions.

All projects must occur within Tower Hamlets.

Any project that can demonstrate a carbon reduction will be considered. Gas boilers are not eligible for funding.

As there are only limited funds available for this phase of the programme we expect to be oversubscribed for grants. If this does occur applications will be scored on the cost per a tonne of carbon saved and projects that will occur in parts of the borough that have not received funding in previous phases will be given preference

Eligibility Criteria

The programme is open to any CIC that has a company number, any registered charity with a charity number or any community group that can provide the following.



- > Evidence of a bank statement that requires at least 2 signatories.
- > Provide a constitution/set of rules for the group.

Housing Associations are not eligible for this funding

Completing the application form

The application form requires you to provide the following information:

- > Organisation details.
- > Answers to the eligibility criteria.
- > Description of the project.
- > Cost of the project, excluding VAT as we will not fund VAT.
- > Amount of grant funding being requested.
- > Gas and Electricity consumption for the last 12 months and unit cost (as applicable)
- > The estimated energy/carbon savings the project will generate.

If applicable you will need to provide written evidence that you have permission from your landlord to complete the project.

The application form for those looking to carry out an energy retrofit project can be found **here**.

The application form for those looking to carry out a learning and behaviour change project can be found **here**.

Timeline

Applications will be accepted **from 26th February 2024** with the deadline for applications being **12th April 2024**.

Applicants will find out on the outcome of their application by the end of May 2024.

There is no deadline for when projects have to be completed by as we appreciate timelines can be uncertain. We will work with you on an appropriate timeline for your project.

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact us by emailing **THEnergy@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

