



## SSE Local Keadby Wind Farm Fund Guidance on applying for funds

### Before you begin

Please note: this information is only for applications for funding from the SSE Local Keadby Wind Farm Fund.

Application forms can be requested from the Grants Team (details below) or downloaded from <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/community-advice-and-support/community-rights-funding-and-grants/sse-keadby-wind-farm-community-fund/>. These documents will be updated from time to time. Please ensure you have the latest version.

All sections of the application form must be completed and returned with the relevant supporting documents.

**To ensure your application receives a full assessment, please provide as much detail as possible. Incomplete applications will be returned.**

### Key information

Who can I contact if I have any questions or need guidance?

The Grants Team 01724 296735 or [communitygrants@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:communitygrants@northlincs.gov.uk)

### What can grants be used for? What are the fund priorities?

Community-focussed or charitable activities which:

1. Encouraging and supporting communities who wish to strengthen their local community through the provision of facilities, events, activities or services to local children and young people, families, and adults of all ages.
2. Encouraging and supporting town and parish councils and voluntary groups to improve and develop new and existing services/activities.
3. Support and enable talented people to progress their development and realise their full potential in sport, arts, culture and education.
4. To develop projects which encourage energy efficiency.

For revenue projects, it is important to bear in mind that there is no guarantee of ongoing support. A key focus of the fund is sustainability and as such we encourage groups to be working towards being self-sustainable where possible.

Applications where efforts have been made to explore other possible sources of grant funding and/or where reasonable efforts have been made to raise money through local fundraising activity will be looked upon favourably.

## How do I apply?

If your project meets the fund priorities, please complete and submit your application form, which can be requested from the Grants Team or downloaded from <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/community-advice-and-support/community-rights-funding-and-grants/sse-keadby-wind-farm-community-fund/>

## How much is the fund worth?

The fund is worth £182,275 per year. For the 2023/24 financial year £10,000 has been ringfenced for the parishes of Gunness & Burringham.

## How much can I apply for?

- Groups are requested to provide evidence of the support for the project from the community and consideration of the sustainability of the project.
- Minimum 10% contribution must be made to support applications with a maximum of 5% being accepted in kind, however additional match funding will be favourable by the panel. In kind support must be evidenced through timesheets submitted with claims for funding. Maximum hourly rates to be accepted at unskilled £10/per hr or skilled £15/per hr.
- The fund offers a maximum of £20,000 on Capital Projects – in exceptional circumstances above this threshold may be considered. Please discuss project with the grants team before applying.
- Multi-year funding applications will be considered by the panel.

## When are decisions made?

### Date of Panel Meeting

6 June 2023 (to consider applications received before 28 April 2023)

5 September 2023 (to consider applications received before 28 July 2023)

7 November 2023 (to consider applications received before 29 September 2023)

We will contact you within four weeks of the panel meeting date and advise you of the panel's decision.

## Which areas can benefit from the fund?

The fund is available to the North Axholme ward. Gunness & Burringham parishes fund allocation is available for 2023/24.

## How are decisions made?

A local panel, made up of representatives from the parish councils of Crowle and Ealand, Keadby with Althorpe, Amcotts, Garthorpe and Fockerby, Luddington and Haldenby and Eastoft, as well as the local ward councillors, a representative from SSE Renewables and supported by the Grants Team.

## Who can apply?

Groups or organisations within the boundary of the North Axholme ward and the parishes of Gunness & Burringham which require funding to support projects or activities consistent with the priorities listed above.

You don't need to be a registered charity to apply, but your organisation must have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and be a non-profit organisation. If you require any further guidance, please contact the Grants Team for advice.

## When must grants be spent by?

Any grant received should be spent within 12 months of being awarded. However, we understand that on occasions there are delays to completing projects which are out of the control of the organisation. In these cases, we request you contact the Grants Team to discuss the reason for the delay which will allow the panel to consider extending the time period.

## Are there any activities you are unable to support?

- Projects which do not meet the SSE Local Keadby Wind Farm Fund priorities.
- Projects which should be funded through the LEA or Parish Precept.
- Projects which do not benefit people living within North Axholme or the parishes of Gunness & Burringham.
- Individuals, or groups without a constitution (governing document or set of rules).
- The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups).
- The purchase of second-hand vehicles, plant and equipment which is older than three years. For anything older than three years, please contact the Grants Team to discuss a potential application.
- 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.
- Trips abroad.
- 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.
- Activities contrary to the interests of the SSE group of companies.
- Activities likely to bring the council, the company, or any member of the SSE group of companies into disrepute (for example anti-wind farm/renewable energy activities).

## Please note:

Funding decisions are at the sole discretion of the SSE Local Keadby Wind Farm Fund panel and these decisions are final.