



## **Inverclyde Windfarm Fund** **Sustainable Development Grants 2023**

### **Information and Guidance**

Please read this guidance carefully before completing the application form.

#### **About the funding**

Inverclyde Community Fund (ICF) has set aside funding from the Inverclyde Windfarm Fund in 2023 for Sustainable Development Grants.

Grants of up to £5,000 will be awarded for the best sustainable development projects that focus on change and that are likely to have a positive impact in the future. Organisations based in, and individuals resident in Inverclyde are eligible to apply.

ICF expects to award around 6 grants to organisations and individuals through Sustainable Development Grants. This is a rolling programme and grants will be awarded on an ongoing basis to the best projects until all the funding has been allocated.

#### **Scope of the funding**

Sustainable Development Grants will only be awarded to projects or activity that meet specific sustainable development priorities:

1. The Environment
2. Renewable Energy
3. Energy Efficiency
4. Sustainable Development

This includes activity under one or more of the following:

- A. Community or society
- B. The economy
- C. Culture

## **Grant level and eligible costs**

- Applicants can apply for up to £5,000.
- Capital, revenue, and reasonable core costs are eligible.

## **Eligible applicants**

- Constituted voluntary sector organisations and community groups in Inverclyde with an annual turnover of less than £500k p.a.
- Individuals in Inverclyde.

## **Eligible Projects and Activity**

The project or activity must fit with at least one of the sustainable development priorities.

- 1 The Environment
- 2 Renewable Energy
- 3 Energy Efficiency
- 4 Sustainable Development:
  - A. Community or Society
  - B. The Economy
  - C. Culture

The focus of your project or activity must be to bring about change which is likely to have a positive impact in the future.

## **Sustainable Development Grants Timescales**

- Sustainable Development Grants launch 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023
- Applications open from 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- Final deadline for applications by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Assessments and decisions will be made on an ongoing basis
- Projects must start within 2 months of receipt of the grant
- Projects should be completed within 12 months of receipt of grant
- An End of Grant Report must be completed and returned to ICF at the end of the project. If an End of Grant Report is not completed within 12 months, the grant must be returned to ICF.

## **Application Process for Organisations (1 stage)**

Eligible organisations should complete the Sustainable Development Grants Application Form for Organisations which can be found on the ICF website.

Applicants should send their completed application to

[apply@inverclydecommunityfund.org](mailto:apply@inverclydecommunityfund.org) with their:

- Governing document (constitution, memorandum & articles, or rules)
- Most recent accounts

A recent bank statement is acceptable if you are a new group.

### **Application Process for Individuals (2 stages)**

#### **Stage 1**

Individuals should phone ICF on 01475 866140 to discuss their project idea with one of our Trustees. They will advise you if you are eligible to apply, and if your project meets the criteria.

#### **Stage 2**

If the applicant and the project are eligible, you will be asked to complete a Sustainable Development Grants Application Form for Individuals which can be found on the ICF website.

Applicants should send their completed application to [apply@inverclydecommunityfund.org](mailto:apply@inverclydecommunityfund.org)

References will be taken up for all applications.

### **Assessment Process**

Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis by the Sustainable Development Grants Panel, which will recommend projects for a grant that best fit the funding priorities. Depending on the number of applications received, ICF will strive to assess each application and reach a decision within 4 weeks.

For further information call ICF on 01475 866140.

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