

Climate Challenge Fund - Apply Now



Empowering communities to take local action on climate change

The Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund provides grants of up to £150,000 for community-led organisations to tackle climate change by running projects that reduce local carbon emissions.

The Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) was launched in 2008 and since then 986 projects in 622 communities, across all 32 local authorities, have been awarded CCF Grants totalling £85.8 million.

Keep Scotland Beautiful manages the CCF on behalf of the Scottish Government and we have staff that support applicants and those awarded grants.

Local community-led projects have been awarded CCF grants to:

- Install energy efficient measures in community owned buildings
- Run energy efficiency advice schemes
- Establish community growing spaces and increase consumption of lower carbon food
- Help people move away from their cars towards lower carbon travel alternatives
- Reduce, reuse and recycle waste to help create a more circular economy

Apply Now

Community-led organisations are invited to apply for CCF funding, with grants of up to £150,000 available per organisation, per year for projects taking place between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2020.

The deadline to submit an Expression of Interest, the first stage of the application process, is 5pm on 28 August 2017.

European Regional Development Fund

For 2018-2019 some CCF Grant Recipients (with projects involving waste and circular economy activities, or installation of energy efficient measures in community-owned buildings) will be match funded through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The ERDF comes from the [European Structural and Investment Fund](#).

CCF Development Grants

Development Grants of up to £1,500 are available to help community-led organisations to scope out a potential climate action project with the aim of subsequently completing a CCF Grant application or an application to another funder.

Development Grants can support activity including:

- A consultation event
- Training, planning or developing a project using the 'Shifting Normal' methodology
- Application writing support
- Expenses relating to a Climate Conversations event
- The costs associated with visiting, or working with, a current or previously funded CCF project
- Engaging a mentor to support project development or implementation

Further information on how to apply and support at www.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org/ccf

Case studies



Community Owned Buildings

Edinbane Community Hall Association, Isle of Skye was awarded a CCF grant for the Edinbane Hall Energy Efficiency project which reduced carbon emissions by installing new insulation, windows and doors. The project also raised awareness of climate change and action that can be taken to tackle it, such as improving energy efficiency in the home and choosing lower carbon travel options.

Energy Efficiency

The SCOREscotland Green Futures project has been awarded CCF grants to work with members of black and ethnic minority communities in south west Edinburgh. The project raises awareness of climate change and offers support to reduce carbon emissions through home energy efficiency advice and the promotion of lower carbon travel options.



Travel

Fallin Community Enterprises Recyke-a-Bike was awarded CCF funding to run the 'Cycling into Sustainability' project which worked with local communities in Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Falkirk to promote cycling as a healthy, lower carbon form of travel and a first choice for local journeys.

Food

The Charlie's Plot CCF projects have been led by young people in Methilhill, Fife to grow and cook their own fruit and vegetables, learn about climate change and to share that information with their community. Methilhill Community Children's Initiative has been awarded CCF grants to support the young people carry out the activities.



Waste

Lightburn Elderly Association have been awarded CCF grants to run the R:evolve Recycle project in Cambuslang and Rutherglen. This intergenerational project has involved the older generation sharing skills to help the community repair, upcycle or swap clothes to reducing carbon emissions as less textiles are landfilled. *The 2017/18 CCF Grant of £143,416 includes maximum funding of £41,075 from the European Regional Development Fund.*

See more case studies at www.keeptscotlandbeautiful.org/ccfinaction

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