

Guidelines for grants from £1,001 to £20,000



Sleaford Renewable Energy Plant, owned by Glennmont Partners, in partnership with North Kesteven District Council, Sleaford Town Council and Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council has made funding available via a Community Benefit Fund to support community projects within Sleaford Town and Kirkby La Thorpe Parish. Applications will be considered on a quarterly basis by the Sleaford REP Community Liaison Panel, which was established on 15 January 2013 under the community wellbeing powers contained in the Local Government Act.

Funding Available

- We have an allocation of £120,000 to distribute over a 3 year period. We aim to distribute £40,000 per year. This will be split equally with an annual allocation of £20,000 towards projects in Sleaford Town and £20,000 towards projects in Kirkby La Thorpe Parish.
- Grants are available up to a maximum of £20,000 in any one year.

Objectives

For a project to be supported by the Community Fund it must meet the following objectives:

- Improve the lives and wellbeing of people living within the boundaries of Sleaford Town and Kirkby La Thorpe Parish.
- Benefit the community.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply groups must have:

- A constitution, or governing document, and
- A bank account or building society account.

Groups must be not for profit and be based and operate within the boundaries of Sleaford Town and Kirkby La Thorpe Parish.

Examples of Projects

Please see below for examples of what we can and can't fund. The list is not definitive so if in doubt please contact the Community Initiatives Team at North Kesteven District Council on 01529 308267, or 01529 308146 or email community_initiatives@n-kesteven.gov.uk

What can we Fund?

- Allotments and green spaces.
- Art and drama groups.
- Capital projects.
- Children and toddler groups.
- Community groups.
- Disability support groups.
- Local markets.
- Lunch clubs.
- Putting on an event, activity or performance.
- Purchase of new equipment or materials.
- Schools (provided project is not a core curriculum activity).
- Sports and youth clubs.
- Volunteer training and activities that meet an identified need, including start up costs (e.g. venue hire, stationery etc.).

What can't we Fund?

- Applications from individuals.
- Contributions to large appeals.
- Profit making organisations.
- Political or faith based groups, unless the activity is accessible to all the community.
- Projects or organisations outside of Sleaford Town and Kirkby La Thorpe Parish.
- Projects which are routine maintenance.
- Statutory responsibilities (e.g. projects which should be funded by a statutory body).
- Retrospective funding – We will not fund projects which have already been started or commissioned.
- Utility bills.

Grant information

- Applications will be considered during quarterly Sleaford REP Community Liaison Panel meetings. These are scheduled to take place on 4 October 2016, 24 January 2017 and 21 March 2017.
- Payments to be made on receipt of invoices, unless agreed otherwise.
- All funds to be spent within 12 months from the date of the offer, unless agreed otherwise.
- The Sleaford REP Community Liaison Panel will not consider any additional application from a group that has already received funding during the same 12 month period.
- Groups may re-apply for additional funding after 12 months. Applicants requesting grants for consecutive years must prove that the project has developed.
- For capital projects applicants should have a freehold or leasehold of the property/land they intend to develop. If leased we would expect at least 15 years remaining.

Deadlines and notification periods

- The deadline for applications is midnight on 12 September 2016, 2 January 2017 and 27 February 2017.
- The Panel will in exceptional circumstances

accept late submissions. These will be at the discretion of the Chairman.

- Applicants will be informed whether their application has been successful within 5 working days of the Sleaford REP Community Liaison Panel meeting.

Required supporting documentation

- Constitution or governing document for your organisation.
- Your organisation's last set of audited accounts or income and expenditure details and a copy of a bank or building society statement. We expect accounts to be held in your organisations name.
- If applicable 3 quotes e.g. for building work and purchases.

For further information, please contact:

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