**ALLTWALIS WIND FARM COMMUITY FUND**

**Criteria**

**Fund Overview:**

Statkraft is committed to providing an annual Community Benefit Fund of approximately £100,000 for community projects over the lifetime of the wind farm (25 years). The Fund is administered independently by the Statkraft Alltwalis Wind Farm Community Benefit Trust.

There will normally be four application rounds each year. Notionally, a quarter of the annual donation is awarded to applications at each round. Any funds not allocated at each round will be carried forward to the next.

Groups can only receive one grant per year for the same project. Groups can then reapply again for further grants, however, they may not receive priority over organisations that have previously been turned away or those who are applying for the first time.

Unsuccessful groups are welcome to re-submit their applications unless they have been advised their application is not eligible.

**Project Location:**

Projects for which grants are requested must be located within the Llanfihangel-ar-Arth Electoral ward.

**Project Purpose:**

The Fund is open to any community project which is for the benefit of residents of the local area.

Some examples of the type of projects the Fund will support are given below:

* Projects to improve public amenities e.g. community halls, sports facilities
* Environmental and wildlife projects including projects to improve public parks and open spaces
* Activities / events to engage the local community
* Projects that encourage and promote education, skills and opportunities for young people
* Energy efficiency or renewable energy projects, such as insulation, efficient boilers or small scale renewable energy installations for community ammenities

*The above list is not exhaustive and is provided to give ideas only.*

**Eligible Organisations:**

Eligible Organisations, who can apply for funding include:

* Voluntary and community groups
* Llanfihangel ar Arth Community Council and Llanllwni Community Council
* Schools and educational establishments (for projects above LEA responsibility)
* Social enterprises (including credit unions, co-operatives, social firms, community owned enterprises, community interest companies and development trusts) provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis.

Applicants are required to have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document and a bank or building society account, held in the name of the organisation, in place before applying for a grant. Applicants will also need to provide three quotes for all of the project costs.

**Exclusions**

Grants will **not** be available for:

* Commercial organisations.
* Private membership-based sports clubs and facilities unless membership is open to the general public without undue restriction (e.g. not membership by nomination organisations or with restrictive charges).
* Individuals applying directly to the Fund.
* Projects that are narrowly religious in focus or that support a party political campaign.
* Retrospective funding, i.e. projects that have already been completed, whether or not already paid for.
* Works considered a statutory duty, such as scheduled transport services, works to public highways and public car parks, or projects the responsibility of the LEA.
* Trips and events outside of the funding area.
* Second hand capital equipment.
* Projects that oppose renewable energy and sustainability.

**Judging Criteria:**

The main criteria used when assessing applications received will be:

* The social, economic and environmental benefits which will result from the project.
* The level of community support for and involvement in the project.
* The ability of the applicant to deliver the project.
* How the work will be continued after the project has been completed i.e. its sustainability and legacy.
* Value for money.
* The fund encourages applicants to seek local suppliers and contractors if possible.