



South Hams Climate Change and Biodiversity Fund: Eligibility Criteria

For any idea or project that you may have that meets the criteria below, you can apply for a grant to match fund between 20% and 50% of costs, up to £5,000, although for exceptional projects that could offer a larger impact across the district we may offer grants of up to £10,000.

Constituted community groups and Town and Parish Councils are eligible for up to 50% match funding

Incorporated not-for-profit organisations are eligible for up to 30% match funding

Incorporated locally based for-profit organisations are eligible for up to 20% match funding.

South Hams Climate Change and Biodiversity Grants will be pledged once the applicant has reached 25% of their target from a minimum of 25 unique backers. The money pledged will only be released if the full fundraising target has been reached.

Your project will need to support our Climate Change and Biodiversity Strategy through one of the following:

- a) *Reducing carbon emissions from households, businesses or organisations, including community and voluntary groups (links to Objective 1 – Energy)*
- b) *Creating new opportunities for renewable energy. Higher levels of match funding will be considered for projects providing innovative solutions for heat decarbonisation such as district energy networks. (links to Objective 1 – Energy)*
- c) *Supporting behaviour change and sustainable living (links to Objectives 2 – Sustainability and 4 – Capability and Engagement)*
- d) *Projects which will result in removal of carbon from the atmosphere through nature-based solutions or supporting improvements in biodiversity (Links to Objective 3 – Land use and Biodiversity)*
- e) *Providing education and awareness of the Climate and Ecological emergency through direct engagement with hard to reach groups and individuals (links to Objective 4 – Capability and Engagement)*
- f) *Projects which aim to help communities and species adapt to the effects of Climate Change (Links to all Objectives)*



Only for constituted community groups, Town and Parish Councils, and incorporated not for profit organisations.

- g) *Projects to help reduce organisational carbon footprints, this could include feasibility studies, action plans and emissions studies (Links to all Objectives)*

The funds cannot be spent on:

- *Retrospective funding to fill funding gaps not identified before the project starts.*
- *Salary or administration costs.*
- *Political activities, lobbying or campaigning.*
- *Projects which in the assessment of the Council show actual or potential unlawful discrimination within the terms of the Equality Act 2010.*
- *Statutory activities/requirements.*
- *Hospitality (catering and refreshment costs).*
- *Clothing/Uniform for the sole use of an individual.*
- *Funding for projects not delivered in South Hams.*
- *In the case of b – installations/measures that will benefit a sole individual or business*

Successful applicants will be expected to:

- *Produce a brief final project summary*
- *Remain in contact with South Hams District Council throughout the project's life.*
- *Produce evidence of eligible expenditure if requested, e.g., receipts, quotations*
- *Contribute to news stories about the project as requested*
- *Agree to share outcomes with other organisations and groups through case study*
- *For any project that draws down income in the future, such as renewable energy, it must be demonstrated how that income is reinvested back into the community supporting the aims of this fund*