



GrantFinder

Northern Powergrid Foundation - Community Grants

Grants for not-for-profit organisations with charitable projects in the North East, Yorkshire and north Lincolnshire that support the community in line with the Foundation's priority areas of energy resilience, vulnerability, fuel poverty, levelling the rural divide, innovation, collaboration or charities.

Fund Information

Funding body:	Northern Powergrid Foundation
Maximum value:	£ 20,000
Application deadline:	14/10/2024

Background

The Northern Powergrid Foundation is a registered charity, established by Northern Powergrid, the company responsible for the electricity distribution network that powers the lives of 8 million people in the North East, Yorkshire and northern Lincolnshire.

It was established in 2022 to support, as a priority, communities worst impacted by the winter storms of 2021-22 by helping communities become energy resilient during emergency events.

The Foundation was initially funded by a £7.57 million donation from Northern Powergrid (Northeast) plc and Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) plc. The purpose of the Foundation is an enduring one that goes beyond this initial funding.

The Foundation's charitable objects are:

- The prevention and relief of poverty, and the relief of those in need due to financial hardship, ill-health, disability or other disadvantage including through the provision of advice and support for the optimisation of living conditions, particularly relating to the use of energy and resources among those in necessitous circumstances, including those in fuel-poor households, or who have suffered loss through weather related or other environmental events.
- The maintenance, improvement or provision of public amenities for the public benefit in areas which are socially and economically deprived.
- The preservation, conservation, protection and improvement of the environment including through supporting sustainability and the prudent and efficient use of resources.
- The advancement of education through the provision and support of educational support and training about all aspects of efficient and sustainable use of energy and resources.

Objectives of Fund

The funding aims to support energy resilience initiatives in local communities served by Northern Powergrid and who are most affected by changes in the economy, environment and society because of the shifting energy landscape.

Value Notes

One-off grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 per project are available.

Larger grants may be made in exceptional circumstances where the project can demonstrate that funding will significantly benefit Northern Powergrid communities.

Match Funding Restrictions

Although match funding is not required, applicants are encouraged to seek matched or additional sources of funding for their proposal.

The Trustees will consider funding part of the cost of a proposal where the total cost is shared with one or more other funders.

Who Can Apply

A range of organisations can apply including but not limited to parish councils, village halls, community hubs and community centres, community associations, community trusts, community partnerships, etc.

Applications will be accepted from organisations based in the UK that either:

- Are registered as charities with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and/or the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; and/or
- Qualify as charities under the law of England and Wales, but are not required to register with the Charity Commission for England and Wales because it is either an exempt or excepted charity, and/or
- Are not for profit; and/or
- Are a social enterprise.

However, the Charity Trustees will also consider proposals from charities that are established outside the UK and non-charitable organisations that are established either in the UK or elsewhere.

Location

North East England, Yorkshire, and north Lincolnshire

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Salary costs.
 - Capital expenditure.
 - Contributions to the cost of overheads.
 - Costs associated with any purpose not directly linked to the funded activities.
 - Projects or initiatives which do not support people who are living or working within areas within Northern Powergrid's geographical areas.
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- Retrospective costs.
 - Actions that conflict with Northern Powergrid's interests.
 - Activities which are the responsibility of another organisation or statutory authority.
 - Applications for funding from branches or federations of national charities.
 - Supplementary funding as a result of inflationary or other increases.
 - Sports clubs and associations.
 - Individuals.
 - Activities which are not charitable in law.
 - Organisations that do not have adequate safeguarding arrangements in place.
 - Contributions to general appeals or circulars.
 - Hospices or other healthcare providers.
 - Projects where the primary benefit is the advancement of religion.
 - Projects where the primary benefit is the advancement of animal welfare.
 - Larger organisations with a greater capacity to fundraise.
 - Uniformed groups such as scouts, guides and sea cadets.
 - Privately owned and profit-distributing companies or limited partnerships.

Eligible Expenditure

The current funding priorities are:

- **Energy Resilience during emergency events** – enhancing community facilities, services and communication, and providing support to households in Northern Powergrid's regions during prolonged periods without power.
- **Vulnerability** – protecting the welfare of vulnerable people in the communities served by Northern Powergrid particularly during extended power cuts by enhancing their resilience and supporting them to prepare for emergency situations.
- **Fuel Poverty** – helping to prevent and relieve those in fuel poverty through educational advice and support programmes.
- **Levelling the rural divide** - supporting communities who are particularly remote or isolated and have experienced power cuts due to poor weather in the past.
- **Innovation** - using innovative or transformational solutions to improve energy resilience for households in Northern Powergrid's regions.
- **Collaboration** – supporting communities or groups who work together to tackle issues to improve energy resilience.
- **Charities** - supporting existing charitable organisations or groups whose remit is to enhance energy resilience across Northern Powergrid's regions.

The grants must be used to cover costs that are directly connected to carrying out the charitable activities that the Charity Trustees have agreed to fund.

How To Apply

There are normally two funding rounds per year. Applications are now open for round two with a deadline of 14 October 2024.

Please note the application window may close early if volumes are high.

The grant-making policy, FAQs, and online eligibility checker can be found on the Northern Powergrid Foundation website.

Contact the Northern Powergrid Foundation by email thenorthernpowergridfoundation@northernpowergrid.com for further information.

Useful links

Northern Powergrid Foundation
<https://www.northernpowergridfoundation.com>

Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

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