



Croespenmaen Solarplicity Community Benefit Grant Scheme Guidance and Criteria

Please read the following guidance to ensure your application complies with the requirement of the Grant Scheme you are applying into.

The purpose of the Solarplicity Solar Farm Community Benefit Grant Scheme is to support community activities in the immediate area of the solar farm scheme, specifically the village of Croespenmaen. Please contact Gina Jones (details below) to ensure your organisation is based within the area of benefit and/or is providing community activity within that area.

The project must be managed by a voluntary or community organisation based within Caerphilly county borough.

The project will have a social, economic, environmental and/or cultural impact on the area or community concerned; and demonstrates clearly that it is responding to needs identified by the community not the responsibility of the statutory sector.

Eligible Organisations

All applicants must:

- be a local grassroots community or voluntary organisation based in Caerphilly county borough - applications will not be accepted from nationally based organisations
- have a signed and adopted constitution or Memorandum & Articles of Association
- have a bank account in the name of the organisation
- have a clear management structure
- have clear financial controls in place
- have an agreed and adopted equal opportunities policy

The grant scheme will not fund private companies, sole traders, statutory bodies or schools.

Application Rounds

The grant scheme will open for applications on 1st June 2018.

The closing date for the first round will be 17th July 2018. Any subsequent rounds will be notified, dependent on funding available.



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Amount of Funding Available

Solarplicity - Croespenmaen – The amount of funding available in this scheme is £79,000. There is no minimum or maximum application figure and applications can be made for 100% of the costs of a project. However, applications that draw down match funding will be particularly welcomed. The fund specifically focusses on projects that benefit the inhabitants of Croespenmaen. Please contact Gina Jones to ensure your organisation / activity fits within the area of benefit.

Applications will be assessed by a multi-agency panel. Decisions made by the Panel are final.

Should your application be successful, in order to draw down the funding awarded you will be required to provide evidence of expenditure. This will take the form of invoices for goods/services or works undertaken, and/or receipts for items purchased.

Successful applicants will have 12 months to spend the grant. All successful applicants will be required to sign a set of terms and conditions of grant and complete monitoring information during the lifetime of the grant.

All information given on the Application Form will be processed and kept by GAVO both electronically and manually in line with the General Data Protection Regulation legislation. The information will be used by GAVO for the administration, monitoring and promotional purposes of the Grant scheme. Copies of this information will be provided to our Panel for the purposes of decision-making but will not be retained by Panel members.

If you have any questions about the grant scheme please contact Gina Jones, Community Development Manager – Caerphilly, Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations, Ty Derwen, Church Road, Newport NP19 7EJ.

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