



Do you or your organisation have some good ideas about how to set up and promote a renewable energy scheme in your locality or in your local school or other community building? If so, you could qualify for a Community Renewable Energy Grant for research and publicity for your scheme, or for work to introduce renewable energy to your local community.

The Community Renewable Energy Grant, funded under the Community Renewables Initiative and TV Energy, has been set-up to provide funding for new renewable energy developments in the Thames Valley region of Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Surrey. Grants of up to £2000 are available.

Applicants



Applications are welcome from organisations, groups, schools and small businesses within the Thames Valley region of Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Surrey.

Grants Available

Renewable energy involves generating clean and sustainable heat and electrical energy through the use of the energy from the wind, sun and water or through the use of materials which can be renewed, such as wood or animal wastes. These sources of energy are

carbon neutral over their life cycle and so they have the potential to make a large contribution to reducing the impact of climate change.

Projects should help to improve the understanding and development of renewable energy in the Thames Valley region. Projects considered should involve at least one of the following initiatives at places like schools, community centers, farms, offices, housing estates, hospitals and shops.

Wind Energy: establishing small wind turbine clusters or single turbines.

Solar Energy: using energy from the sun to generate heat and/or electricity.

Biomass: using energy from the combustion of waste food, short coppice rotation or animal wastes to create heat and/or electricity or growing wood as a fuel source.

Hydro energy: using the energy from rivers to generate electricity, for example through harnessing weirs and old mill races.

The grants will be available to help with the following:

- Undertaking a feasibility study to assess the potential for a renewable energy scheme – for example, the siting of a wind turbine or the development of renewable energy sources for a community building such as solar panels
- Drawing up a business plan for the project
- Environmental impact assessments
- Generating community involvement in the development of a renewable energy scheme – for example, help with the costs of consultation with the local community, site visits to similar schemes elsewhere, publicity materials and events to promote the scheme etc.
- Developing renewable energy educational materials.

What will a successful project involve?



- Educational and awareness raising projects that can be successfully replicated elsewhere,
- Development projects that are environmentally sensitive and that generate the involvement and support of the local community,
- The best development projects will also involve some kind of benefit to the local community, such as improved access to woodland or farmland, community investment opportunities and local job creation.

It is essential that projects supported under this grant, involve the local community in their development.

What can't be funded

This Grant will require the involvement of the local community in developing renewable energy projects; therefore it cannot support the installation of renewable energy technology within private homes. The Grant also cannot be used for the capital purchase of equipment, plant or machinery.

Application and Judging Process

Applicants must complete an application form and submit it by **Friday 31st January 2003**. A judging panel will meet after the closing date to consider the applications and may meet with those applicants showing most promise, to discuss their ideas. Winners will be notified during February and funding will be awarded to run from the 1st April 2003.



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Our mission is to educate, promote and deliver sustainable energy solutions to communities, individuals and businesses across the Thames Valley region and beyond.

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Please fill in this form to register your interest in the Community Renewables Energy Grant Scheme and send to:

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Applicant Details:

Title [please circle] MR MRS MISS MS DR OTHER.....

Surname

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Organisation / Group Details:

Name of Organisation

Applicants Position

Address

County

Post Code

Telephone Number

Fax Number

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Local Authority Area

Thank you for your interest, further information will be sent to you shortly,
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