

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY FOOD GRANT GUIDANCE

FROM LANARKSHIRE CLIMATE ACTION HUB

What is its purpose?

What we eat, and how that food is produced affects the environment, with [one third of green house gases \(GHG\) coming from food systems](#). [One third of UK food price increases in 2023 resulted from climate change](#).

The purpose of the Sustainable Community Food grant is to enable community groups and organisations to explore the impact that climate change is having on our food systems and to identify what can be done locally to tackle this and to help their communities to save money and improve their health and wellbeing.

What is it?

The Sustainable Community Food grant will enable your community to participate in an interactive workshop delivered by the Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub, which will explore what are the causes of climate change from food systems, before gathering your ideas of what can be done locally on areas of the food system including:

- What you eat
- Where your food comes from
- What can you do to save money
- How can you reduce food waste

From the ideas gathered at the workshop, you will prioritise what projects to pursue with the **£2000 funding** from this grant.

Who is it for?

The grant is for community groups. Applications will only be accepted from non-profit-distributing groups and organisations with bank accounts. We encourage applications from groups who support individuals that are more vulnerable to the impacts from climate change such as those on low incomes or with health inequalities.

What can the funding be used for?

The funding is for the costs of delivering the projects identified from the workshop. Payment of the grant will be arranged with the group following the workshop and where

projects have been identified and agreement reached on which to prioritise and deliver from this grant.

The grant cannot be used for costs already incurred, items or equipment of a personal nature and for repairs or improvements to premises or land not owned by or leased to, the community organisation.

All expenditure and activity to be completed by 31 March 2027.

If required, you can request an advance payment to use a small amount of the grant for workshop costs such as venue hire and refreshments.

How will the Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub support your project

We are available on grants@climateactionlanarkshire.net to have a discussion with you and answer any questions you may have about applying for the grant.

We will provide the staff and materials to deliver an interactive workshop and will co-design it with you to ensure that it is accessible to your community. The workshop will share information, develop ideas of what can be done locally and help you to prioritise which ideas to deliver from the grant funding. The Hub staff will support you in developing the workshop ideas into projects.

How to apply

To apply, complete the online [application form](#) and submit the application form, ensuring to upload a copy of your group/organisation's constitution and a copy of your group/organisation's bank statement dated within the last 3 months. If you would like a copy of the application form as a Word document, please email us on grants@climateactionlanarkshire.net.

When to apply

Applications are open now and will be reviewed monthly around the 20th of each month until funding is fully subscribed.

Safeguarding

Some project activities and events may involve children, young people or vulnerable adults. Organisations delivering activities or events are responsible for ensuring appropriate safeguarding arrangements are in place where relevant.

Applicants should ensure that:

- Their organisation has appropriate policies and procedures relating to the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (PCVA) where activities involve these groups.
- Activities involving children or vulnerable adults have appropriate supervision and safeguarding measures in place.

- Any staff or volunteers working directly with children or vulnerable groups have appropriate checks where required (for example PVG Scheme membership).

Guidance on safeguarding and disclosure checks can be found from Volunteer Scotland. Guidance on PCVA can be found at:

<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/>

A sample PCVA policy and further support and guidance is available at

<http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services/resources/>

Use of Artificial intelligence (AI)

We recognise that AI tools can be of assistance in writing funding applications. However, the use of AI has significant environmental impacts and groups should therefore be mindful of their usage. Advice and tips on writing funding applications can be found on our [Funding Webpage](#).

When will I know the outcome of my application?

You will be notified by email within a week of the application being assessed.

Reporting

We will require evidence of what you have spent the money on so please retain receipts and records of expenditure. You will be issued with a short form to complete to explain how you have spent the money and the impact it has made.

Accessibility

If you need assistance with accessing the application form or have any queries regarding accessibility, please email grants@climateactionlanarkshire.net and we will do our best to help.

Contact

For any questions on eligibility, or for assistance in completing the application form, please contact grants@climateactionlanarkshire.net