

## Overview

The Clean Air Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund has been established to help voluntary organisations, community groups and small charities or projects that support educational, community, environmental, energy efficiency or general community amenity projects in the area of benefit.

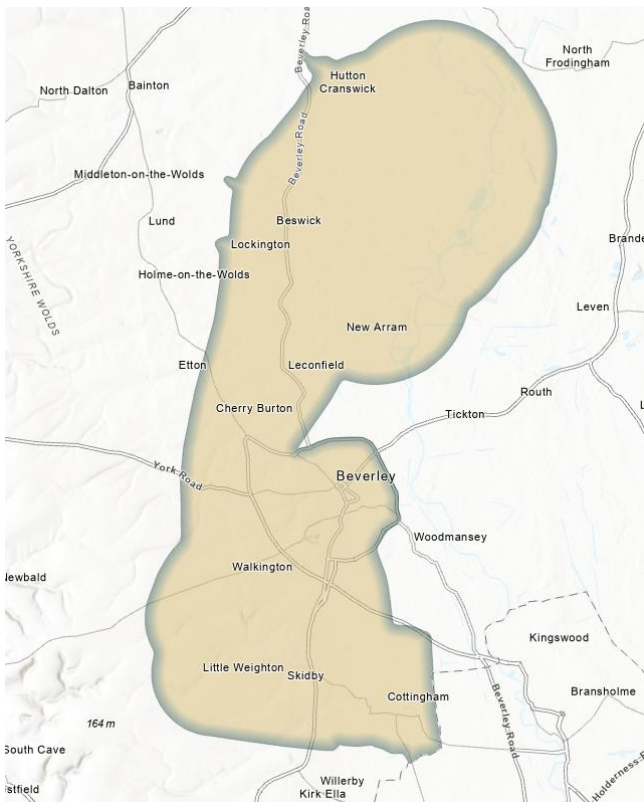
## Fund priorities

The fund will provide grants to support charitable activities that:

- Enhance health, wellbeing and quality of life for local residents
- Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities
- Increase the environmental sustainability of local wildlife, community assets and facilities
- Address needs and gaps identified by local people
- Promote community spirit and encourage community involvement

Priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate that they will make a real difference to people's lives.

## Who can apply



The fund is open to organisations whose activities take place within the area designated on the above map, which covers a zone of 2km around the proposed sites of the Clean Air Solar Farm, in addition to Beverley, Cottingham and Hutton Cranswick. Priority will be given to groups operating in areas that will be most directly affected by the future construction and operation of the site.

Parish councils may also apply, provided that the project is wholly charitable and falls outside of their usual remit.

## How much you can apply for

Grants are available of up to £1,500. We have a total funding pot of £10,000 for this round.

### Applications deadline - noon on Monday 3rd August 2026

Decisions will be made in September 2026. You will hear from us with a decision by the end of September 2026.

Funding can be towards pilot projects, providing activity, projects or support or for small capital items (all types of application will be treated equally). Grants can fund 100% of the activity costs or can be part of a combination of funding to meet the full amount needed. However, it is unlikely that priority will be given to projects or activities where the grant award would represent less than 20% of the total project cost. If you are applying for a percentage of the total costs, please tell us what other funding has been secured or how you will secure the remaining funds.

Some examples of what an activity could be (this list is not exhaustive):

- Community sport, recreational and leisure activities
- Community culture or heritage initiatives
- Projects supporting wildlife, habit protection or biodiversity
- Activities that support and engage people experiencing economic disadvantage or social isolation
- Counselling, mentoring and peer support groups
- Volunteer recruitment and training
- Purchase of equipment to extend activities to increase community participation or increase environmental sustainability of community buildings or initiatives
- Events that can demonstrate impact beyond the event itself e.g. is there a legacy from the event that will meet the needs of your community, or the event will help you increase long term volunteering.

We do not accept applications for overheads alone. This scheme supports full cost recovery – we would strongly encourage applicants to include a proportion of their overheads on this application. You can learn more about Full Cost Recovery here: <https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Full-Cost-Recovery.pdf>

Please note that overhead costs must not include any costs associated with commission-based payments for fundraising.

## Organisational / Group Eligibility

Please read our [How To Apply](#) page on our website for essential information on:

- Organisational / Group Eligibility
- Who and what cannot be funded?
- How to apply
- Assessment and Award
- Reporting and Evaluation
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

## How to apply

1. Ensure you meet all the Organisational / Group eligibility above detailed on our [How To Apply](#) web page.
2. Ensure you meet the fund criteria and at least one of the fund priorities above and that the fund is currently accepting applications.
3. Complete the online application form. Links to this can be found on the Two Ridings' website (link ...)

**Applications will only be processed when all documentation has been received. If successful, you must submit your bank statement within 4 weeks of your grant awarded notification otherwise your application will be withdrawn.**