
Alderholt Community Fund

Grant Guidelines



Crossroads Solar Farm, Alderholt

What is the Alderholt Community Fund?

The Alderholt Community Fund distributes grants on behalf of Bluefield Solar Income Fund. We currently administer Alderholt Community Fund on behalf of Bluefield Solar Income Fund within the geographical area of Alderholt. Any future administration can be added as agreed by the board of trustees. The Community Fund is delivered as part of the community package provided by Crossroads Solar Farm.

What is Bluefield Solar Income Fund?

Bluefield Solar Income Fund is an investment company based in Guernsey. It is focused on the acquisition and long-term management of a diversified portfolio of low carbon assets in the UK. In January 2022 it acquired the Crossroads solar farm in Alderholt, formerly owned by Good Energy and has committed to honour the terms of the agreement set out by Good Energy to contribute to the Alderholt Community Fund.

Who can apply?

Any not for profit organisation (except those with sole political or religious purposes) based in and for the people of Alderholt.

- Registered Charities
- Voluntary Groups
- Community Groups
- Clubs
- Friends Association
- Individuals (only permitted if organising a community project/event)
- Special one off applications considered

Examples of what can be funded (this list is not exhaustive)

- Community and outside spaces, to enhance the enjoyment of the environment for the people in the geographical area of benefit
- Pre-Schools, After-school clubs and Schools (for non-statutory purposes), especially those seeking to advance the education of participants within the field of sustainable and renewable energy.
- Community projects
- Health & Fitness
- To improve your environment
- Community halls
- Community groups
- Individuals who are organising a community event

How much can you apply for?

Grants normally range from £50 to £3000

Sorry but this fund cannot help:

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- Other grant making organisations or bodies who fundraise or distribute grants on behalf of other organisations
 - Groups whose aims are not for the benefit of people
 - Individual projects that are not for community benefit

Grants will NOT be awarded for:

- Works or equipment already committed, bought or completed (including trips)
- Outside the geographical area of benefit
- Unspecified expenditure
- Requests not directly relating to the proposed project

When can you apply?

The board of trustees meets at least twice a year. You can find out the date of the next meeting by visiting:

alderholtcommunitycharitabletrust.org

Making an application

You will need to complete an application form, available from Alderholt Community Charitable Trust at:

alderholtcommunityfund@gmail.com

Your application will need to demonstrate:

- Two written and signed suitable references
- Enclose a copy of your latest accounts, except for individuals.

You will be asked to confirm you have:

- A suitable Health & Safety Policy and Risk Assessment for the project
- A suitable Child Protection Policy/Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy if your project involves children, young people or vulnerable adults
- Your staff and volunteers have passed DBS checks

Please ENCLOSE two signed, suitable references:

These should both be from someone that knows the organisation and the project, but not directly related. If you cannot provide written references with your application, please explain why, as without two suitable written references being enclosed, your application will not be viewed.

What happens next?

Once we have received your application and the ACF confirms it meets the criteria, our assessor may contact you by telephone to discuss the application in more detail. Therefore please ensure the contact provided is available during office hours and has knowledge of your group.

Following the initial assessment, your application will be considered by the board of trustees at the next scheduled meeting. You will receive the result of your application in writing within 10 working days of the trustees meeting and, if successful, a letter of agreement for signature and return.

Publicity

Grantees are requested to co-operate with reasonable requests by ACF and Bluefield Solar Income Fund for publicity reports relating to the use of the grant. Unless otherwise stated, grantees agree to photographs supplied to ACF and Bluefield Solar Income Fund or taken by ACF or Bluefield Solar Income Fund to be used for publicity purposes. Grantees understand that the grant amount will be listed on the ACF website together with information about the project.

Change of grant use

Grants awarded MUST be spent for the approved purpose within the time frame you specify on your application form, failing which, it may be necessary for the funds to be returned. If circumstances change and you wish to amend your original project you must write to the ACF detailing the proposed change, with cost and impacts, for the board to consider. No work should be undertaken without the prior approval of ACF otherwise it may also be necessary for the funds to be returned.

Decisions

Please note there are limited monies available in this fund, therefore not all eligible applications can be funded. The decision of the board of trustees is final, and no appeals will be considered

Monitoring and Evaluation

Grantees must agree to complete an End of Grant Report (on a standard form supplied by ACF), and include receipts for any purchases.

Need more information

If you need further information please contact Alderholt Community Charitable Trust via email at

alderholtcommunityfund@gmail.com