

Item 13b – Lottery Funding

For Members to consider whether they wish the Climate Officer to

Consider whether any elements of the action plan requiring funding could be eligible for lottery funding and to engage with local groups to take forward any joint initiatives that may also match with delivery of the action plan



We're offering from £1,000 to £10,000 of National Lottery funding to support communities across the UK to take action on climate change.

Projects should reflect what matters to your community and can be small in scale. They could cover an area like:

- food
- transport
- energy
- waste and consumption
- the natural environment.

You do **not** need to be an expert in any of these areas to apply. We're particularly interested to hear from people **starting** to think about taking action on climate change in their communities.

In November 2021, the UK will host the [26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties \(COP26\)](#) in Glasgow. The UK Government's [Together for Our Planet](#) initiative has been created to engage people with COP26 and inspire positive climate action. National Lottery funding will support this by helping communities to take action on climate change.

Building on interest and excitement for this international conference, we hope to nurture and develop local ideas through this funding, supporting a legacy of ongoing climate action projects in hundreds of communities across the UK.

Area

UK-wide

Suitable for

Voluntary or community organisations

Funding size

£1,000 to £10,000

Total available

£2.5 million

Application deadline

5pm on 18 November 2021.

You can apply if you are a:

- constituted group or club
- voluntary or community organisation
- registered charity
- charitable incorporated organisation (CIO/SCIO)
- community interest company (CIC)
- not-for-profit company
- school, college, university (as long as your project benefits and involves the wider local communities)
- **statutory body (including town, parish and community council)**
- community benefit society.

o ensure as many people and communities as possible can get involved, we'll prioritise applications from:

- people and communities hit hardest by climate change
- people and communities who are starting to think about taking climate action
- groups who have not received funding from us before
- groups who do not have a current award with us
- smaller organisations with an annual turnover of under £100,000.

Other organisations can apply, but please consider these factors first. **You can still apply if you have a current grant from The**

National Lottery Community Fund, but the project should not duplicate work we're already funding you to do.

Make sure you also check [who can and cannot apply](#) before filling out the application form.

Your project activities

We can fund lots of different climate action activities. Projects should reflect what matters to your community and what climate action means for you. They can be small in scale and might be new plans for your community or might be about celebrating the work you're already doing.

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- the natural environment.

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We recognise that activities may still need to respond to specific lockdown rules and regulations related to COVID-19. We also know these are likely to vary across the UK. We understand that projects will need to stay flexible about what they are able to do. We'll be as flexible as we can too.

All projects must be about developing a community-led climate action project. Your project will also need to meet at least two of these criteria:

1. It supports the development of longer-term climate action within communities (that is, taking place after the COP26 event in November).
2. It encourages communities to plan for the climate emergency - to consider what climate action could mean to them and why it matters.
3. It celebrates the importance of community-led climate action and encourages more people to get involved.

4. It builds resilience in communities that are hardest hit by climate change.
5. It provides jobs, skills or training opportunities for communities which support climate action.

Whilst this programme is inspired by COP26, we're looking to support a legacy in communities beyond the event itself. If you're considering applying for costs for a one-off event, we'd also expect you to include activities that take place beyond the event.

You should consider the environmental impact of your project and try to reduce, reuse and recycle where possible. You can find further help with reducing your group's environmental impact on our [guidance page](#).

The projects we're unlikely to fund

- applications for statutory activities
- applications for broader environmental projects that do not directly link to climate change (for example community litter picks)
- applications for costs to attend the COP26 event, such as transport or accommodation.

We'll support a range of projects

We're keen that projects reflect a mix of communities and places from across the UK. We'll make sure there's a spread of funding across the UK and a range of activities being delivered across the projects.

We'll take this into account when assessing your application against others that we receive.

You must involve your community in your project

We believe that people understand what's needed in their communities better than anyone. It's important to us that you involve your community in the design, development and delivery of the activities you're planning.