

Grant Criteria

Grant Type	Capital and revenue
Geographical Location	East Suffolk Council area
Grants available	Small: up to £10,000 per year Large: no maximum limit
Length of funding available	Up to 3 years
Deadlines	4 awards panels per year

Fund Purpose

The Sizewell C Community Fund will provide up to £23m over the next decade for local charities, community groups and social enterprises who are delivering projects that benefit local communities in East Suffolk.

The focus of the fund is on reducing the impact of, or building on the opportunities created by, the construction of Sizewell C nuclear power station. Priority will be given to communities located closest to the development sites, projects that are supported by the wider community, and those providing a positive and sustainable legacy.

By addressing the economic, environmental, and social needs of local residents, the fund aims to enhance quality of life and wellbeing.

Proposed Grants

Approximately £2million will be available per year across 2 grant programmes. The amounts indicated below are for year 1. Grant programme allocations may change during the year e.g. an underspend in the Large Grants programme may be reallocated to Small Grants programme in the same year.

	Small	Large
Geographical Area	East Suffolk Council area with priority given to sites close to Sizewell C development	East Suffolk Council area with priority given to sites close to Sizewell C development
Eligibility	Organisations supporting communities impacted by the developments of Sizewell C within the East Suffolk Council area	Organisations supporting communities impacted by the developments of Sizewell C within the East Suffolk Council area
Funding Available in Year 1	£850,000	£1,250,000
Grant Type	Capital & revenue	Capital & revenue
Grant Award Limit	Min: No minimum Max: £10,000 per year (max £30,000)	Min: £10,000 Max: No limit
Grant Award Term	Up to 3 years	Up to 3 years
Application	SCF website	Under £50,000 via SCF Website Over £50,000 discussion with SZC Grants Team in the first instance

Applicant Eligibility

The following are eligible to apply:

- Voluntary and community organisations
- Registered charities
- Social enterprises including Community Interest Companies
- Group of organisations led by a voluntary and community organisation or social enterprise
- Town/Parish Councils

We are unable to fund the following:

- Individuals
- Sole traders
- Organisations based outside the UK
- Anyone who is applying on behalf of another organisation
- Organisations without at least three unconnected people on the board or committee
- Organisations which are not inclusive. Projects and activities which target specific groups of people for good reason are eligible, however the organisation itself must be inclusive
- Companies that are aimed at generating profits for private distribution
- Grant-making organisations (who award grants to other organisations or individuals)

Project Eligibility

We invite applications for projects that promote the economic, social, or environmental well-being of communities most affected by the construction of Sizewell C. These initiatives should aim to enhance quality of life, promote community cohesion, improve overall well-being, and maximise the opportunities presented by the Sizewell C project.

Priority will be given to applications for projects

- in communities that have been significantly affected by the impacts of Sizewell C
- supported by the wider community
- clearly addressing the impacts of Sizewell C, or making the most of the opportunities it creates
- that are inclusive - to make sure everyone can benefit, although we appreciate some projects may need to target specific groups of people with good reason
- offering good value for money
- consider sustainability beyond the duration of the funding

Eligible costs

We will fund:

- Revenue costs - the day to day running costs related to the project or activity
 - Staff e.g. recruitment, salaries, travel, training, DBS checks
 - Volunteer expenses
 - Accommodation e.g. rent, insurance and utilities
 - Overheads/core costs e.g. management, administration up to 15%
 - Meeting costs e.g. room hire and refreshments

- Consumables e.g. stationery, printing, postage
- Planning and legal fees
- Costs relating to pre-project development work to get the project up and running e.g. research or consultation
- Costs relating to achieving a formal governance structure
- Feasibility study
- Evaluation costs
- Capital costs - items which will last for several years
 - Buildings and building improvements
 - Vehicles
 - IT equipment and software
 - Office equipment & furniture
 - Other equipment e.g. polytunnel, gazebo, tools
- Eligible organisations can be awarded a maximum of one grant per project at any one time.

Additional Funding from Other Sources (also known as ‘match funding’)

You can apply to us for up to 100% of your project’s costs if they total £50,000 or less. If your total project costs are more than £50,000 then, depending on the amount you are asking for and the type of project you wish to deliver, we may not be able to fund the full amount and may ask you to seek additional sources of funding to contribute towards the costs. These may include another grant, volunteer time and in-kind services e.g. grass cutting for a park project. Please contact us for a discussion.

Multi-Phase Projects

Larger projects where you are asking us to fund multiple phases e.g. feasibility study, project delivery and evaluation, may be funded as separate elements depending on the amount requested and length of the project. Please contact us for a discussion.

Ineligible Projects

We will not fund any of the following projects or activities. Please note this is not an exhaustive list and may be subject to change.

- Projects and activities looking to address any existing needs in East Suffolk, except where these existing needs have been exacerbated by the impact of Sizewell C
- Projects and activities looking to address needs which are not as a result of Sizewell C
- Duplication of projects/activities already taking place
- Non-charitable or unlawful projects
- Corporate sponsorship
- Projects and activities to promote religious or political causes
- Projects that could be reasonably considered to be offensive or disproportionately and dangerous, or disproportionately environmentally damaging

- Animal welfare except where animal welfare projects provide clear benefit in the wider community
- Support for political parties or policy advocacy
- Projects and activities that have already taken place or will take place before any grant award has been confirmed
- Projects delivering services that are a statutory responsibility
- Projects or groups that are directly opposed to Sizewell C's interests
- Projects which are inconsistent with local plans e.g. town/parish, Suffolk County or East Suffolk Councils' plans
- Grants directly to individuals or families for personal needs
- Organizations with significant financial free/unrestricted reserves
- Contribution to endowment funds, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- Overseas travel or expeditions
- Sponsored or fundraising events or groups raising funds to redistribute to other causes, including those that are grant makers
- Medical research and equipment for statutory or private healthcare
- Commercial ventures, unless the group is a registered not for profit organisation

We will not pay VAT costs if your organisation is able to claim these back from HMRC.

Impact Reporting & Monitoring (successful applicants only)

As part of your application, you will tell us what difference your project will make to minimise the impact of Sizewell C construction and how you will measure this. We will use this information as the basis for your monitoring and impact reporting. To demonstrate the difference your project will make you will need to know how you will show this. You may need to record information at the start, during and at the end of the project to show this.

We'd like to keep in touch with you during the grant period to find out how your project is progressing and how the grant is making a difference. We will undertake monitoring visits during the grant period to see how the grant is making a difference in the community and discuss your project with you and your users. These will be scheduled with you at a mutually convenient time.

We will ask you to send us anonymised case studies to demonstrate the impact of your work. Please see here for [a guide to assist you with writing a good study](#).

Promotion & Funder Recognition

Grant recipients will be required to acknowledge Sizewell C Community Fund, Sizewell C and Suffolk Community Foundation when promoting or reporting on their project. Clear branding guidelines with logos will be provided and recipients will be asked to share examples of promotion where appropriate. Projects in receipt of large grants for capital items such as buildings may be required to display a permanent funder logo in the form of a plaque or similar.