



# Community Fund 2023

## Our Ambitions

The Merlin Renewables Community Fund has been created to support local projects and groups located within locality of the biogas facility thus encompassing the residents of Hibaldstow and Redbourne.

We aim to be a positive force in the local community providing economic, social and environmental benefits to the local community in which we operate.

We also aim to work closely with local residents and stakeholders to ensure that local community benefits are seen directly as a result of our support.

## Our Support

Each year the fund will be open to applications for financial support within the chosen radius of the biogas facility who's aims and project(s) meet the funding requirements. Every year a fund of £7,500 per annum will be available for selected projects/organization. This community fund will be available ever year over the operational life of the plant, with new projects and groups being selected each year.

## Key Questions

### How much is the fund?

£7,500 will be made available each year for the operational lifetime of the plant.

### What is the area of benefit?

Any project/organization within the locality of the site

### Who can apply?

Locally led and run community organisations and projects

Local schools and colleges

Locally led and run charities



## **Application Process:**

Applications to the fund can be made using the form attached and returned via email to [community.funds@futurebiogas.com](mailto:community.funds@futurebiogas.com)

## **Requirements:**

Funds are only available the purpose of supporting local environmental, educational, amenity or other appropriate, not for profit initiatives within the area.

The area of support is described as any project/organisation within the locality of the site.

The recipient of the funds shall not have a commercial interest or derive any commercial/personal financial benefit from the project.

Each applicant must demonstrate its ability to fulfill one, or more of the following objectives:

- Social sustainability
- Environmental sustainability
- Educational promotion

This is to say the benefit to the community must include a tangible and recognisable action or actions, which might be educational, environmental or promote social interaction between or within the community.

## **Process:**

- Applications will only be considered by submitting the formal application form.
- All applications must answer every question and section in the application form.
- While there is no minimal level of funding available, each application must demonstrate the amount of supporting funding required.
- Successful applicants are required to complete an annual report on progress and achievements.
- Successful applicants can apply for further funds in consecutive years and will be considered in line with other eligible applications.

## **Dates:**

- The application process is open from January 2023
- The deadline for submitting your application will be 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- The trustees will review applications during April and announcements of the result will take place during May 2023



## Application Form:

Thank you for your interest in the Merlin Renewables Community Fund. Before completing this form, please take time to read the Notes of Guidance that are provided.

### SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Organisation/Project Details

#### Secretary/Contact Person Details

Name

Name

Address

Address

Post Code

Post Code

Telephone

Position

Email

Telephone

Web  
Address (if  
applicable)

Email



### Information about the organisation/project

Please use one of the following categories to describe your organization/project:

  
  

Environmental  
Youth Action/Activity Group  
Drama/Arts

  
  

Community Based Group  
Wildlife/Conservation  
Other

Brief description of the organisation/project

### SECTION 2 – JUSTIFICATION FOR GRANT

#### What does the organization/project want to do with the grant and why?

Please give a clear description of the activity, facility or service that will be provided.



**What do you hope to achieve with this grant and how will it benefit the local community?**

**Which of the following objectives of Merlin Renewables Community Fund will the grant support?**

  

Social Sustainability  
Educational Promotion

Environmental Sustainability

### **SECTION 3 – FINANCIAL DETAILS**

Please give an indication of the grant sought and financial detail

Amount of grant sought from Merlin  
Renewables Community Fund

£

Other sources of funding being sought

£

Total cost sought for the project/organisation

£



Please also provide an indicative breakdown of how the funding would be used.

A large, empty grey rectangular box intended for the applicant to provide an indicative breakdown of how the funding would be used.

Please complete this form and return by email to

[community.funds@futurebiogas.com](mailto:community.funds@futurebiogas.com)

or by post to Merlin Renewables Community Fund, 10-12 Frederick Sanger Road, Guildford,  
Surrey GU2 7YD

We will acknowledge receipt of your application as soon as possible.