



## THE GRANGE WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND GUIDELINES

**The Object of the Trust** is to support volunteer led not-for-profit projects that improve the lives of people living within a ten-mile radius of The Grange Wind Farm at Tydd St Mary, Lincolnshire, where priority is given to projects providing a service for people living within a five-mile radius.

### **Funds:**

We aim to distribute around £30,000 a year. Grants may be from £250 to £5,000. Groups can apply for up to £5,000 in any one round but can only hold one grant at any one time.

If your group has secured funding in the past 3 years and would like to re-apply then you will not be required to complete a full application form, but instead asked to fill in a shortened version as well as letting us have a copy of your governing document and details of your management committee (if these have changed since you last applied), a copy of your latest Income and Expenditure Accounts and a full costs breakdown with evidence, where appropriate.

**Applicants** may be registered charities, community groups or social enterprises. Applications from Schools will only be considered where the project has a wider community benefit and is not restricted to purely curriculum hours. Projects from Churches and Parish Councils may also be considered. However, The Grange Wind Farm Community Fund is not meant to replace government or other statutory funding; in all cases therefore, the application must be for a project that is not eligible for central or local government funding or other statutory funding. National or Regional organisations are unlikely to receive funding.

For example, an application to replace the piano in the church hall, or to print the programme for a village fete, would be considered. An application to cover the general maintenance costs of a church or parish building would not be accepted.

### **Process:**

The grant scheme is managed by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation (charity number 1092328), a grant making Trust. The Grange Wind Farm Community Fund operates under the umbrella of the Foundation and is made up of local Councillors, residents, and a representative from the Foundation. The Panel meets twice a year to consider grant applications. Closing dates 1 January and 1 June in each year, an electric copy of your application (with supporting documentation) needs to be sent to the Foundation. If you are unable to send an electronic copy, please send a hard copy.

Lincolnshire Community Foundation will use submitted details internally for administration purposes. As some of the information may be classified as “personal data” it will be processed in accordance with the rights and obligations of the Data Protection Act 2018.

If you are not certain about your project’s eligibility for The Grange Wind Farm Community Fund, please contact Katie Littlewood at the Foundation on 01529 305825 or [katie@lincolnshirecf.co.uk](mailto:katie@lincolnshirecf.co.uk) for further guidance.

**Guidelines:**

Generally, grants are available for practical or educational projects that either contribute to community cohesion, community facilities, young/older people, energy efficiency, environmental improvements or raise awareness in those areas. Applications for general running costs will now be considered due to the current cost of living crisis.

**Examples of Fundable Projects:**

*Community Cohesion:* Diversionary activities for young, intergenerational projects, arts, culture and heritage projects and facilities that improve wellbeing and help strengthen the community.

*Young People:* Provision of activities or facilities and opportunities, workshops, educational outings people (but not overseas travel).

*Community Facilities:* Support for meeting places including running costs (community centers, village halls, playing fields)

*Energy efficiency:* for community buildings; reduction in car use (bicycling, health walks); ground source energy schemes, rain harvesting, solar panels and cost-effective heating systems (including top up grants).

*Older People:* Integration projects; projects tackling isolation, loneliness and dementia, volunteer costs, sitter and companionship.