



LACEBY SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY FUND

The **Object of the Fund** is to support volunteer led not-for-profit projects that improve the lives of people living in Laceby, Irby, Riby, Barnoldby le Beck, Bradley, Aylesby and Beelsby, North East Lincolnshire.

Funds:

We aim to distribute £64,400 a year. Applicants can apply for up to £10,000 in any one year (see below), but can only be in receipt of one grant at any one time. Applications for up to £20,000 towards large capital projects may be considered and for further information, groups should contact Sue Fortune at the Lincolnshire Community Foundation on 01529 305825 to have a chat.

Applicants may be constituted voluntary and community groups, registered charities, cooperatives or social enterprises. Projects from Schools, Health or Social Service establishments, Churches and Parish Councils may also be considered where there is a clear benefit to the wider community. However, the 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, unless they have a local management committee and control over their own finances.

For example, an application to replace the heating in the church hall or to improve local play facilities would be considered. An application to cover the general maintenance costs of a school, 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 Laceby Solar Farm Community Fund panel operates under the umbrella of the Foundation and is made up of local councillors, residents and a representative from the Foundation.

If you are not certain about your project's eligibility for The Laceby Solar Farm Community Fund, please contact Sue Fortune at the Foundation on 01529 305825 or sue.lincolnshire@btconnect.com to have a chat and for further guidance.

Fund Guidelines

Grants are available for practical projects that contribute to community cohesion, support young/older people, develop energy efficiency or environmental improvements or improve local community facilities.

Funding can be provided to cover running costs, building improvements, equipment, travel, venue hire, telephone, refreshments, volunteer costs/training etc. Activities must meet an identified need in the community.

Examples of Fundable Projects:

- *Community Cohesion:* Intergenerational projects that bring the community together, community safety initiatives, arts, culture and heritage projects and facilities that improve wellbeing and help strengthen the community

- *Young People:* Provision of activities, facilities and opportunities for young people, workshops, diversionary activities, alternative curriculum provision, youth music, arts sessions, youth club provision etc.
- *Community Facilities:* Support for meeting places (community centres, village halls, playing fields, church halls)
- *Energy efficiency:* for community buildings, reduction in car use (bicycling, health walks), ground source energy schemes, rain harvesting, solar panels and cost effective heating or lighting systems for community buildings
- *Older People:* Projects that help older people live independent lives, tackle isolation, loneliness and support for people with dementia and their carers, activities that increase physical activity and improve wellbeing

About The Grants....

- We aim to distribute around £64,000
- Grants are for a maximum of £10,000 in any one year
- Payments are normally made in advance
- Closing dates are on 1 April and 1 October every year, although applications for up to £500 will be considered on a monthly basis
- Decisions to be notified within six weeks of closing date
- All funds to be spent within a year of receipt, or as otherwise agreed.

What Can't we fund?

- Party Political or predominantly religious activities
- Individuals
- Statutory provision
- Animal welfare
- General contributions to large appeals
- Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to others
- Retrospective expenditure or unsustainable deficits or loans

What supporting documentation do you need to apply?

- Constitution or set of rules
- A local management board or committee
- A bank or building society account in the organisation's name with at least two cheque signatories
- Up to date accounts or income and expenditure account.
- Other relevant policies and procedures (vulnerable adults policy, equal opportunities) although these do not need to be submitted with any bid.