



SSE Local Keadby Wind Farm Fund Guidance

Before you begin

Please note: this information is only for applications for funding from the SSE Local Keadby Wind Farm Fund.

Application forms can be found on the North Lincolnshire Council webpage, follow link for more details <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/community-advice-and-support/community-rights-funding-and-grants/sse-keadby-wind-farm-community-fund/>.

All sections of the application form must be completed online with the relevant supporting documents uploaded or emailed afterwards.

If this is your first time applying to SSE local wind farm fund, we strongly recommend contacting The Grants Team. To ensure your application receives a full assessment, please provide as much detail as possible

Key information

Who can I contact if I have any questions or need guidance?

The Grants Team 01724 297212 or communitygrants@northlincs.gov.uk

For further advice and guidance, visit our webpage by clicking the link below

[Community Funding Guidance](#)

What can grants be used for? What are the fund priorities?

Community-focussed or charitable activities that are;

1. Encouraging and supporting communities who wish to strengthen their local community through the provision of facilities, events, activities or services to local children and young people, families, and adults of all ages.
2. Encouraging and supporting town and parish councils and voluntary groups to improve and develop new and existing services/activities.
3. Support and enable talented people to progress their development and realise their full potential in sport, arts, culture and education.
4. To develop projects which encourage energy efficiency.

For revenue projects, it is important to bear in mind that there is no guarantee of ongoing support. A key focus of the fund is sustainability and as such we encourage groups to be working towards being self-sustainable where possible.

Applications where efforts have been made to explore other possible sources of grant funding and/or where reasonable efforts have been made to raise money through local fundraising activity will be looked upon favourably.

How do I apply?

If your project meets the fund priorities, please complete and submit your application form, online at <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/community-advice-and-support/community-rights-funding-and-grants/sse-keadby-wind-farm-community-fund/> Or contact the Grants Team for more information.

How much is the fund worth?

The fund is worth £211,391 per year. For the 2026/27 financial year £10,377 has been ringfenced for the parishes of Gunness & Burringham.

How much can I apply for?

- Groups are requested to provide evidence of the support for the project from the community and consideration of the sustainability of the project.
 - New groups applications: Start-up/Development grant to the value of £750 for newly constituted groups to help establish new activities, without the need for a 10% contribution.
- Established groups applications:
 - Minimum 10% contribution must be made to support applications with a maximum of 5% being accepted in kind, however additional match funding will be viewed favourably by the panel. In kind support must be evidenced through timesheets submitted with claims for funding. Maximum hourly rates to be accepted at unskilled at £15/per hr or skilled at £20/per hr.
 - The fund offers a maximum of £30,000 per application. Capital Projects, in exceptional circumstances, above this threshold may be considered. Please discuss project with The Grants Team before applying.
 - Multi-year funding applications will be considered by the panel.

When are decisions made?

Date of Panel Meeting (cut off is the latest date for applications and relevant supporting documents)

2026-27 dates

- 19 May AGM 26 (cut off for applications 23 March)
- 15 September 26 (cut off for applications 20 July)
- 17 November 26 (cut off for applications 21 September)
- 23 February 27 (cut off for applications 11 January)

2027-28 dates

- 15 June 27 (cut off for applications 12 April) including AGM
- 21 September 27 (cut off for applications 19 July)
- 16 November 27 (cut off for applications 27 September)

- 22 February 28 (cut off for applications 10 January)

We will contact you within four weeks of the panel meeting date and advise you of the panel's decision.

Which areas can benefit from the fund?

The fund is available to the North Axholme ward. Gunness & Burringham parishes fund allocation is available for 2026-27.

How are decisions made?

A local panel, made up of representatives from the Parish Councils of Crowle and Ealand, Keadby with Althorpe, Amcotts, Garthorpe and Fockerby, Luddington and Haldenby and Eastoft, as well as the local ward councillors, a representative from SSE Renewables and supported by The Grants Team.

Who can apply?

Groups or organisations within the boundary of the North Axholme ward and the parishes of Gunness & Burringham which require funding to support projects or activities consistent with the priorities listed above.

You don't need to be a registered charity to apply, but your organisation must have a constitution (governing document or set of rules) and be a non-profit organisation. If you require any further guidance, please contact The Grants Team for advice.

Where a school within Axholme North or the parishes of Gunness and Burringham wishes to apply for funding to support extra-curricular activities and they do not have a separate PTA or similar constituted group supporting them, they can be considered for funding. Funds would be granted based on the proportion of pupils that reside within the Axholme North area or the parishes of Gunness and Burringham. Grant cannot be used to support salaries or rent and must abide by the other SSE conditions.

When must grants be spent by?

Any grant received should be spent within 12 months of being awarded. However, we understand that on occasions there are delays to completing projects which are out of the control of the organisation. In these cases, we request you contact The Grants Team to discuss the reason for the delay which will allow for consideration of an extend time period.

Are there any activities you are unable to support?

- Projects which do not meet the SSE Local Keadby Wind Farm Fund priorities.
- Projects which should be funded through the LEA or Parish Precept.
- Projects which do not benefit people living within North Axholme or the parishes of Gunness & Burringham.
- Individuals, or groups without a constitution (governing document or set of rules).

- The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups).
- The purchase of second-hand vehicles, plant and equipment which is older than three years. For anything older than three years, please contact the Grants Team to discuss a potential application.
- The purchase of firearms.
- Costs of energy consumption (instead we encourage funding to be used to provide energy efficiency measures which help reduce energy consumption).
- The repayment of loans or payment of debts.
- Trips abroad.
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before we have made a decision on an application (retrospective funding).
- Payments towards areas generally understood to be the primary responsibility of statutory authorities.
- Activities contrary to the interests of the SSE group of companies.
- Activities likely to bring the council, the company, or any member of the SSE group of companies into disrepute (for example anti-wind farm/renewable energy activities).

Please note:

Funding decisions are at the sole discretion of the SSE Local Keadby Wind Farm Fund Panel and these decisions are final.