

Resilient Communities Fund

Questions for applicants

Your Details	
Your name	The name of the key contact for the application
Your role	The role the key contact holds in the organisation for which they are applying
Your email and phone number	Contact details for the key contact
Your Organisation details	
Organisation Legal name	Organisation name should be written as registered with Companies House, the Charities Commission or other registration or regulatory bodies such as Financial Conduct Authority.
Does your organisation trade under a different name	Other names that your organisation is known by.
Organisation registrations	Registration numbers for your organisation with Companies House, the Charity Commission, or a Society Registration Number with the Financial Conduct Authority's Mutuals Public Register
On what date was your organisation established?	The year the organisation was incorporated
Registered address	Please provide the registered address for your organisation. This is the address which you have provided to your regulatory / registration body. The postcode must be in uppercase and the correct format, for example, M2 1BB, CB2 1QA or BS32 0BQ.
Organisation email	Main email address for organisation
Organisation phone	Main phone number for organisation

What is the organisations's legal structure?	Select the legal form of your organisation from the drop-down list. You do not need to be a registered charity
Is the organisation a community business?	Please select Yes/No/Not sure
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	
What percentage of your Board and Senior Management Team are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Led by people from minoritised ethnicities b) Led by people with a disability c) Led by people identifying as LGBTQI+ d) Led by women 	
Your services and beneficiaries	
Which of these best captures your organisation's primary, social, or charitable purpose?	<p>We can only provide funding for activities which have a charitable purpose. This does not mean that your organisation has to be a charity, as we will fund a variety of legal structures, but we cannot fund activities which do not further a charitable purpose. Choose the option that best describes your social or charitable purpose. These are based on the Charity Commission's categories. If you are a registered charity, please pick the option that reflects your charitable purpose as listed in your Charity Commission registration.</p> <p>Please pick one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The advancement of education, training, or retraining • The advancement of health or the saving of lives • The advancement of citizenship or community development • The advancement of arts, culture, heritage, or science • The advancement of environmental protection or improvement, and the promotion of sustainable development

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The relief of those in need by reason of, youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage.• The prevention or relief of poverty• The relief of unemployment• The promotion of urban and rural regeneration• The promotion of social inclusion• None of the above |
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How is your organisation taking action to address the climate and nature crises?

Our mission is to strengthen community businesses to tackle society's greatest challenges at a local level and we are committed to supporting the sector in realising its full potential in the shift to a fairer, greener economy. Power to Change recognises that community businesses already play a major role including through improving local green spaces, generating renewable energy, and promoting community commitment to climate action. This information helps us understand what climate and nature related action your organisation is already taking.

Please select all that apply.

- Electric vehicles (e.g. EV charging)
- Innovative First/Last Mile Delivery (e.g. Micro Depots)
- Active travel (e.g. Cycling, e-cycling, walking, cycle path networks, bicycle workshops)
- Public transport (e.g. Buses, trains, underground, trams)
- Community transport (shared transport) (e.g. Car sharing schemes, electric car sharing schemes, minibus)
- Provision of Housing (e.g. New Builds)
- Energy efficiency (homes) (e.g. Energy advice, Retrofitting, bulk-purchase, skills for energy efficiency)
- Energy efficiency (community buildings) (e.g. Energy advice, Retrofitting, bulk-purchase, skills for energy efficiency)
- Energy generation & Storage (e.g. Renewable energy (Hydro, biomass, solar, wind), switching campaigns, Batteries, Thermal storage)
- Energy Advice and education (e.g. Providing education and advice to members of the community. Ranging from helping local businesses to engaging with energy consumers, to providing data services for members)
- Energy Finance (e.g. Energy strategy for low carbon development, zero carbon funding, strategic investment)
- Community food growing (e.g. Community orchards, allotments, community gardens)

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diet and Education (e.g. Eating habits & diet education)• Community food provision (e.g. Community food co-operatives)• Farming (community owned / supported) (e.g. Regenerative agriculture, soil management)• Food waste (e.g. Food security, behavior change activities)• Repair and re-use (e.g. Repair cafes, re-use shops)• Retail & consumerism (e.g. Behavior change, circular fashion)• Waste streams (e.g. Plastic waste, circular economy)• Land use and biodiversity conservation (e.g. Woodland Creation and Management, Forestry, tree planting, peat bogs, water management, Woodland Crafts, Re-wilding, community ownership of natural land,)• Natural World (e.g. Connecting with the natural world)• Storms, Flooding and Sea Level Rise (e.g. Flood defenses)• Temperature Extremes (e.g. Thermal resilience for community buildings)• Droughts (e.g. Water management programmes)• N/A |
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<p>What is the geographical area of trading of the organisation?</p>	<p>Please choose the best fit from the pick list below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trading limited to the local area • Trading limited to the regional area • Trading limited to nationally • No geographical trading limits
<p>Postcodes of impact</p>	<p>Provide up to three postcodes of the places where your organisation benefits local people to help us understand where you work.</p>
<p>What is the main activity of your organisation?</p>	<p>Please select one from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts, Heritage, Sports, and Faith • Citizenship and Community • Conservation of the Natural Environment • Employment • Family, Friends, and Relationships • Housing and Local Facilities • Income and Financial Inclusion • Mental Health and Wellbeing • Physical Health • Training and Education
<p>Who are the primary beneficiaries of your organisation?</p>	<p>Please select one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex-offenders • People with addiction issues • People with learning disabilities • People with long-term health conditions • People with mental health needs • People who are homeless • Vulnerable young people • People experiencing long term unemployment • People living in poverty and/or are financially excluded

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who have experienced crime or abuse • People with physical disabilities or sensory impairment • Vulnerable children • Vulnerable parents • Vulnerable older people including people with dementia
Please tell us approximately how many beneficiaries you reach each year?	
How many of the following individuals work for your organisation?	<p>Please provide a number for each of the following categories (whole numbers only):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time employees • Part-time employees • Volunteers • Board members
Your organisation's income	
How many income streams does your organisation have?	How many ways does your organisation generate its income through selling goods and/or services? Please select number from drop-down list
Where does the organisation's income come from?	<p>Please select your organisation's primary and secondary income from the drop-down list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business 2 Business (B2B) • Business 2 Customer (B2C) • Business 2 Government – Contracts • Business 2 Government – Grants • Grants (Non-governmental) • Donations • Other • Trading • Contracts • Rent

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary - other
What was the organisation's turnover as per your last set of accounts?	
Supporting Information	
Please provide a copy of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Your most recent filed accounts - Your latest management accounts 	Upload a copy of the requested documents
How has the cost of living crisis impacted your organisation?	Please select all that apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased energy costs • Increased staff salary costs • Increased demand on services • Change in type of services needed in your community • Increased staff turnover/difficulties with recruitment due to being unable to pay a cost of living increase/competitive salary • Reduced income from 'pay for' activities or services • Reduction in donations • Increase in the price of goods/services sold by organisation • Other
Does your organisation manage or own a building, including paying the energy bills?	We want to ensure we are supporting organisations that are responsible for a community building and the energy costs associated with them Please select Yes/No
What is the annual energy use of your community building?	This could be any, or a mixture of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electricity (total kWh) - Gas (total kWh)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oil (total litres) - LPG (total litres) <p>You will be able to find this information from meter readings, an energy bills or by contacting your energy provider(s)</p>
Funding Request	
How much grant are you applying for?	You can apply for up to £10,000 with a 6-month grant period.
If successful, how would you intend to use this grant?	<p>Please select from the drop-down list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covering excess energy bills • Activities and development work to improve the sustainability and energy resilience of your community business (e.g. building energy audits, renewable energy feasibility studies) • Investments to improve building energy performance (e.g. insulation, heating controls, low energy lighting upgrades) • Additional goods and services to support local people with the cost of living and energy crises (e.g. food banks, warm banks, fuel poverty initiatives) • Core staff costs • Cost of living pay allowance to staff
Please explain your proposed use of the grant, including how it will be used to build your organisation's resilience in the medium term	Free text space
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<p>of legal structures, but we cannot fund activities which do not further a charitable purpose. Will the funding received be used on charitable purposes only?</p>	
<p>Will your organisation benefit from capacity strengthening and specialist advisory support alongside the grant?</p>	<p>A capacity support partner will be available to assist grantees with energy advice after receipt of the grant.</p> <p>This advice could include help to identify and implement effective measures to reduce your energy bills. For example, heating, lighting, and insulation improvements for your building, as well as building renewable energy technologies such as solar photovoltaics (PV). As well as reducing costs, these measures can increase comfort levels and minimise the environmental impact of your community building.</p> <p>As a first step, you may wish to use this simple energy survey to help you identify energy improvements for your community building</p> <p>Please answer yes, no, or not sure.</p>
<p>Please highlight any specific support your organisation would benefit from to improve its sustainability and/or building energy performance</p>	<p>Free text answer</p>
<p>Due Diligence</p>	
<p>Which policies does the organisation have in place?</p>	<p>We expect all organisations that we fund to maintain a minimum level of good governance, including having the following policies in place. We may check these as part of the grant assessment process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data protection & GDPR - Safeguarding - Equal opportunities - Trustee code (including conflict of interest)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial control - Health & safety <p>If you do not have these in place, we will get in touch and may be able to help as a condition of the grant.</p>
<p>Does the organisation work with children, young people, and adults at risk?</p>	<p>We take safeguarding extremely seriously and expect any organisation working with children, young people, and adults at risk to have appropriate policies and procedures in place to ensure their safeguarding.</p> <p>Please select yes or no.</p>
<p>Does the organisation pay all employees at least at the real Living Wage?</p>	<p>Power to Change is a Living Wage Funder. You do not need to pay the real Living Wage to be eligible for our funding. All posts that we fund however, must be at least at the Real Living Wage. Find out more about the real Living Wage www.livingwage.org.uk/calculation We strive to be an understanding funder, so if this is going to be a problem for you, get in touch.</p>
<p>State Aid & Subsidy Control</p>	
<p>Has your organisation received State Aid or state subsidy in the current or previous two fiscal years?</p>	<p>Power to Change grants qualify within the definition of Subsidy, and we must abide by the UK Subsidy Control Rules. We have determined that grant awards under this Fund are likely to be exempted from the Subsidy Control where the subsidies received by a grantee in the last three financial years (including the Grant under this Fund) do not exceed the relevant permitted small amount of subsidies that you can receive over the same period, as set out in the Subsidy Control Rules (currently £315,000). The questions below will help us to identify the Subsidy position of your application. You are required to provide details</p>

	<p>below of any subsidy (or previously, EU State Aid) support received previously. In the event that all or any part of the Grant is deemed by a Court or other agency of competent jurisdiction not to comply with the Subsidy Control Rules, we may recover all or that part of the Grant from you. If you are concerned about Subsidy, you must seek independent legal advice.</p> <p>Please select yes or no</p>
<p>Provide details of State Aid and state subsidy the organisation has received in the current and last two fiscal years.</p>	<p>If answered yes to question above, please complete the table covering the elements below for each separate source (option repeat for multiple sources)</p> <p>Source (text)</p> <p>Amount (£)</p> <p>Purpose (text)</p> <p>Start date (month and year)</p> <p>End date (month and year)</p>