



Rampion Fund at Sussex Community Foundation

Fund outline

The Rampion Fund at Sussex Community Foundation is a community benefit fund set up by Rampion Offshore Wind Ltd and managed by Sussex Community Foundation. The Fund supports organisations working for the benefit of the people of Sussex, with the area of benefit delineated on area of benefit map on page 5.

The Fund seeks to support projects that benefit the local community, in particular those with links to environment and ecology, climate change and energy. Priority will be given to projects that also help to tackle disadvantage and improve people's lives and well-being.

The Rampion Fund includes an endowment fund for the long-term benefit of Sussex communities.

Who can apply?

The Rampion Fund is open to charities, community groups and not-for-profit organisations which demonstrate:

- their own bank account
- a constitution or set of governing rules
- accounts or records of expenditure
- relevant policies (such as child protection, vulnerable adults, health and safety etc.).

What size of grants are available?

For the Rampion Fund's main area of benefit, grants are offered in the range of £1,000 - £10,000.

In exceptional circumstances, we may be able to consider larger funding requests for projects with a particularly strong energy-related focus. Please do get in touch with us for more information and advice on this **before** making an application.

Rampion priority areas

The Rampion Fund includes ring-fenced amounts to support projects in two priority areas. These are East Worthing and Lancing and the communities around the electrical substation near Twineham. Please contact us if your project falls within these areas and you would like to apply for a larger funding amount.

Maps can be found on our website at: <https://sussexgiving.org.uk/give-to-your-community/our-funds/named-funds/rampion-fund/>

In these areas, we are still able to support a small number of larger and capital grants of up to £50,000. Projects applying for above £10,000 must secure at least 50% match funding in order to be successful.

How to apply

Applications can be made on our Rampion application form, which can be accessed via the following link: www.sussexgiving.org.uk/rampion. Applications can be made at any time throughout the year and are considered twice a year as advertised on our website.

We are also happy to receive informal enquiries to our grants team via email at grants@sussexgiving.org.uk or by telephone on 01273 409 440.

Fund criteria

We do not want to be overly prescriptive in defining eligible projects so the list below is intended to offer examples of the types of projects and initiatives we would consider, though we are open to other ideas.

- Projects that encourage the sustainable use of resources and assist in tackling climate change;
- Projects with a focus on energy use and energy efficiency;
- Renewables and sustainability initiatives for community facilities;
- Support for marine ecology, nature conservation and environmental improvements;
- Projects that enhance awareness, understanding and active engagement of the special nature of the south downs and marine environment, e.g. The Living Coast, UNESCO designation;
- Increasing opportunities for those facing disadvantage and deprivation to take part in onshore and offshore sports and recreational pursuits
- Increasing the value, experience and understanding of the natural heritage by both visitors and residents

You can see more of the sort of work and projects we fund on our website: sussexgiving.org.uk/rampion

Capital Projects

For capital projects we would expect to see:

- Explanation of why a particular intervention is proposed over another, i.e. a wind turbine over solar panels
- Evidence that you have considered sustainable building practice, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and resource efficiency as part of your proposal
- Evidence that you have consulted with external organisations for advice and support on your project (where this is outside the scope of your organisation's knowledge and expertise)
- Documents to confirm lease arrangements (10 year minimum term) and provide written landowner consent where relevant
- Letters of support from relevant local authorities or stakeholder groups – we expect to see a good level of ownership in the facility. We would particularly encourage applicants to demonstrate how funding provides an opportunity to broaden the access to a wider range of groups and communities.
- Evidence that 50% match funding has been secured
- Provision for maintenance and repair
- Three estimates for the proposed works or equipment, and an explanation of why a preferred supplier has been indicated
- Capital budgets can also contain a contingency line to help cover unexpected or increased costs.

Applicants are encouraged to be bold and innovative in their projects and approaches to energy efficiency. The Carbon Trust offer a number of free guides designed to help organisations on their path to energy efficiency, which may help to inform a grant application.

What projects are not eligible?

- Sporting activities that harm or degrade natural habitat or wildlife;
- Beautification competitions (e.g. Village in bloom);
- Events unless they have a specific focus on the environment or sustainability and can demonstrate longer term impact;
- Highways improvements;
- Purchase or running of non-electric vehicles
- Promotion of specific religious or political beliefs;
- Projects that are the statutory responsibility of a local authority;
- Individuals;
- Schools (PTA's may be eligible providing resource will be available to the wider community and accessible outside of school hours);
- Organisations or activities which don't benefit communities in Sussex;
- Organisations that discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, disability, age, or sexual orientation;
- Projects which will be used to make awards to a third party;
- Projects which only benefit animals;
- Organisations who have not returned monitoring from previous SCF awards;
- Retrospective funding for activities or projects that have already taken place

What is the decision-making process?

Once we receive your application, we will check that you are eligible and have supplied the information we need. The application will then be assessed, and presented to the Rampion Fund panel for consideration. The panel includes trustees of the foundation and representatives of Rampion Offshore Wind Ltd. This process takes about eight to ten weeks from the deadline and we will let you know the outcome of your application very shortly afterwards.

Am I eligible to apply?

Most of our grants are awarded to not-for-profit volunteer led organisations whose annual income does not exceed £1 million. We define 'not for profit' organisations as those:

- Whose governing body (board or management committee) is entirely voluntary, although out of pocket expenses may be paid, and has a minimum of three un-related people (if some are related there must be at least three who are not)
- Whose members do not receive any financial benefit
- Whose income and assets are used for exclusively charitable purposes (and any remaining assets are transferred to a charitable organisation)
- That do not pay any dividend or distribute any surplus to shareholders or members

Your organisation does not have to be a charity but it does need to have:

- its own bank account, with at least two cheque signatories (who are not related to each other)
- a constitution or set of governing rules, with a minimum of three trustees/committee members, as above
- accounts or records of expenditure

- relevant policies (such as child protection, vulnerable adults, health and safety etc).

We can accept applications from social enterprises, CICs and Companies Limited by Guarantee carrying out activities which are charitable. However, these organisations must have:

- Demonstrable public benefit and clear protection against private benefit
- A minimum of three unrelated directors, the majority of whom are not paid either as directors or for delivering the activities of the organization (if some are related there must be at least three who are not)
- A majority of non-executive directors approving the salaries and benefits of any paid directors, which should be reasonable and proportionate to the work they do and the financial position of the organisation
- An asset lock body (in the case of CICs) with objectives which are charitable and similar to the CIC

What is the payment process?

If you are offered a grant, you will receive payment up front, once you have agreed to our terms and conditions. In some circumstances and particularly for larger grants you may be paid in stages following interim reports and/or evidence of expenditure.

You will be required to complete an online monitoring form once you have spent your grant/completed your project.

Where can I get more help?

If you have any questions about this guidance or our application process, please contact us at grants@sussexgiving.org.uk or by calling 01273 409440. We will be happy to help.

Grantees will be required to publicise the Rampion Fund at Sussex Community Foundation in all publicity, printed and online materials and through signage, where appropriate. Logos are available via our website.

Rampion Fund – Area of benefit map

