

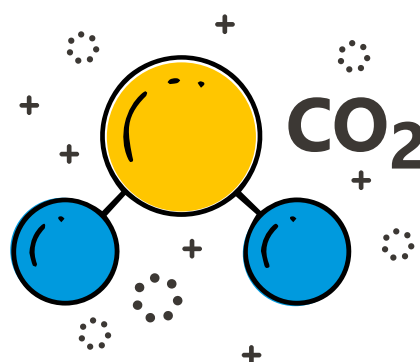
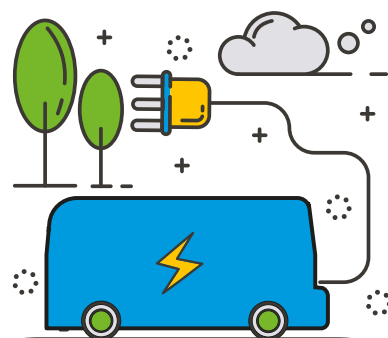
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COMMUNITY CARBON FUND

2025-2029



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for more details or to apply.

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FOREWORD



The Haringey Community Carbon Fund embodies what we can achieve when we truly empower our communities. The impressive array of projects that have flourished over the first four years is testament to the remarkable spirit of innovation and collaboration they represent.

What's particularly inspiring is seeing how diverse our community response has been. Schools like Willow Primary tackling food waste, Haringey Borough Women's Football Club creating recycling solutions for sports equipment, and community centres upgrading to energy-efficient lighting – all reveal a borough-wide commitment to climate

action that spans every sector of our community.

These projects represent something far more significant than simply technical installations. They're tangible expressions of our community's determination to reach net zero, creating ripples of engagement and social value far beyond their immediate carbon savings. When our schools install solar panels on their rooftops and create outdoor food gardens, they're creating living laboratories where the next generation witnesses sustainability in action. These highly visible projects serve as powerful demonstrators for all residents, revealing the art of the possible in our everyday spaces.

As we look toward the next four years of this programme, I'm delighted that we'll be building on these successes by increasing the annual funding pot to £100,000. The proposed enhancements directly respond to community feedback, making the fund more accessible and impactful. By shifting application deadlines away from the busy holiday period, we'll enable more groups to develop thoughtful proposals. Our stronger focus on high-impact carbon reduction projects will maximise environmental benefits, while the introduction of mandatory carbon literacy training will create a ripple effect of knowledge and advocacy throughout the borough, equipping community leaders to inspire wider climate action beyond their funded projects.

This fund exemplifies the Haringey Deal in action – sharing power with our communities and creating genuine opportunities for residents to shape our climate response. Together, we're proving that meaningful climate action isn't just delivered through top-down policy, but through the collective creativity and commitment of a community determined to create a sustainable future.

Mike Hakata

Cllr Mike Hakata

Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Environment, and Transport

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HCCF AIMS

We support community-led carbon reduction projects to tackle the climate crisis. HCCF funds local initiatives that are creative and innovative to empower residents, build skills, and to share collective benefits across the borough.

TOTAL FUND AVAILABLE

A total of £400,000 is available across four years (2025/26 - 2028/2029) - a minimum of £100,000 per year. Further funds might be available from unallocated or rolled over funding from projects that have not progressed.

	Grant amount	Who can apply
Micro grants	Up to £1,000	Individuals working with or on behalf of a community Informal (non-constituted) community groups Constituted* community groups (any length of time)
Medium grants	£1,001 to £15,000	Community groups constituted* for at least 1 year
Large grants	£15,001 to £50,000	Community groups constituted* for at least 3 years

Note: Constituted groups are sometimes referred to as "unincorporated organisations or associations", they can be defined as when a group of people come together with a common interest or purpose and will undertake work for the benefit of the public. They are governed by a constitution and managed by a management committee. They are not recognised in law as a legal entity; therefore, the liability of members and the governing body is unlimited.



FUND DETAILS

ORGANISATIONAL ELIGIBILITY

INDIVIDUALS AND NON-CONSTITUTED COMMUNITY GROUPS

For microgrants a recent bank statement is required to process the grant payment. The statement needs to confirm account details and the registered address.

ORGANISATIONS

The following organisations are eligible to apply:

- Registered charity
- Community and voluntary group
- Co-operative
- Faith and religious group
- Social enterprise
- Community Interest Company
- School
- Local business.

For medium and large grants, organisations will need to demonstrate:

- Constituted or incorporated status
 - at least 1 year (medium grant) or at least 3 years (large grant)
- Haringey location of organisation and project, and/or predominantly active in Haringey
- Not-for-profit status, working for the public benefit
- That any profits are reinvested locally and to benefit wider community wealth building and community engagement
- The group's financially stable position and ability resource the implementation of the project

Note:

- Individuals or non-constituted community groups can partner with a constituted group (who must act as primary applicant) to bid for medium or large grants.
- One organisation can apply for more than one project.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible projects should achieve the following:

1. Reduce actual greenhouse gas emissions
2. Increase community awareness about climate change and the actions that can be taken

PROJECT TYPES

1. Direct carbon saving projects *

For example:

- insulation,
- low-carbon heating,
- solar panels,
- battery storage.

Direct carbon saving projects will be prioritised with a minimum of 60% funding allocated for such projects.

2. Indirect carbon saving projects

For example:

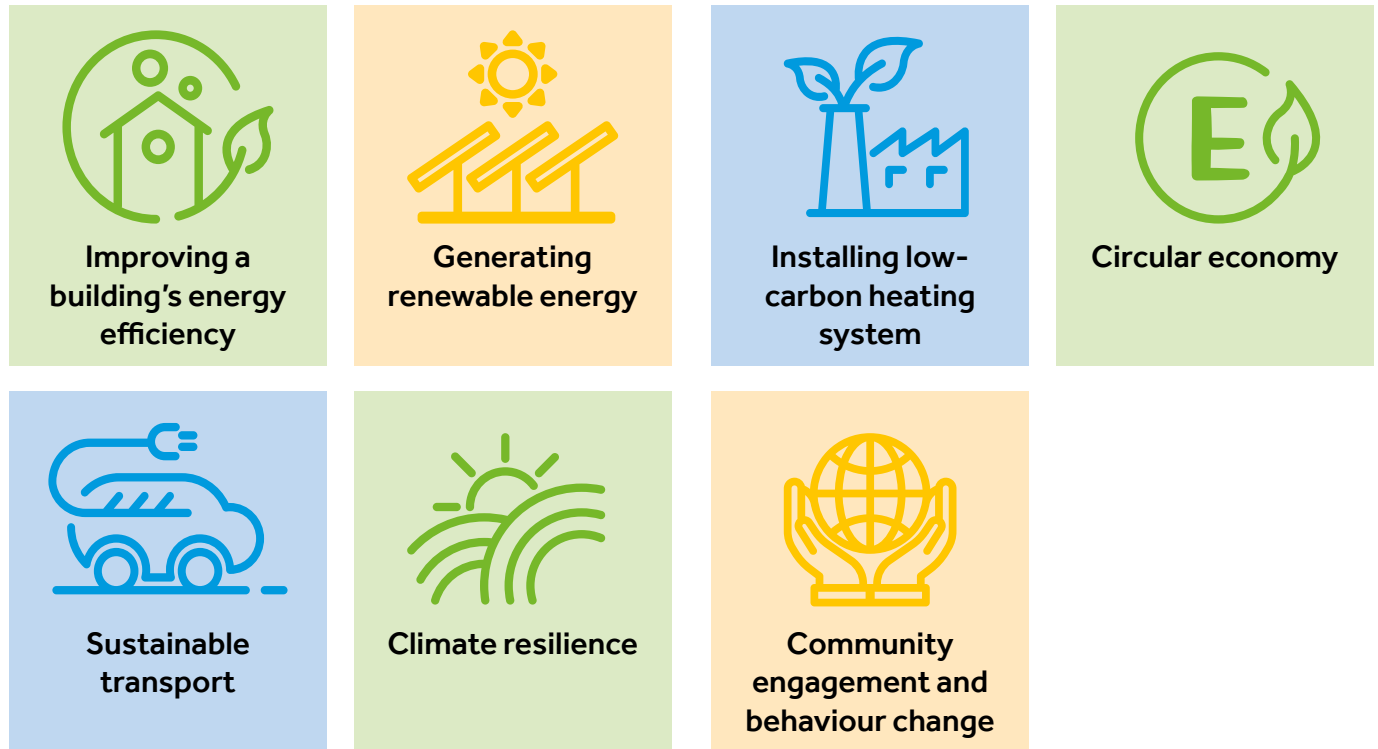
- Feasibility Study (up to £15,000) to assess scope of a project and its potential carbon savings (including details equivalent to RIBA Plan of Work Stages 2–3);
- Community Engagement such as workshops/ events that raise climate awareness; or
- Behaviour Change Project promoting circular economy or low-carbon transport.

Note: For bids seeking funding purely for community engagement and behaviour change, only microgrants will be allowed but not medium or larger grants. While engagement and outreach are important, this will only be supported as a secondary part of larger projects.

* The appendix section of the application form provides help to calculate your carbon emissions and savings.

PROJECT THEMES

Your project may fall into one or more of these themes:



! For example, installation of solar panels will be a direct carbon saving project, but engagement workshops on introducing solar panels will be an indirect carbon saving project. But both projects fit under the project theme of generating renewable energy.

See case studies in the appendix of this brochure for further details.

WHAT WILL THE FUND COVER?

What does the fund cover?		What does the fund not cover?	
✓	Carbon reduction technologies, materials or equipment to deliver and/or monitor the project	✗	Day-to-day organisational overheads (including rent, bills, administration or any staff costs)
✓	Project staff (consultancy or partial, temporary costs relevant to the project only) and direct project setup	✗	Works required as part of regular maintenance
✓	Related project and promotional activities	✗	For organisation registered for VAT, VAT will not be covered, so only amount exclusive for VAT will be funded
✓	Related contractor costs		

SCORING CRITERIA

All bids will be scored based on the following:

Categories	Criteria
Effectiveness of delivering carbon reduction * * This is the primary aim of HCCF, this will be weighted more heavily than other categories.	Expected direct carbon savings, both short term and long term
	Potential indirect carbon savings contributed by behaviour change through engagement with wider community
	Future direct savings in next phase (feasibility study bids only)
Climate resilience	How the project will enable the community or local area to better cope with more extreme and frequent extreme weather events such as heatwaves, flooding, droughts, or other impacts from climate change
Engagement	How the project will empower the community and support wider community cohesion and wellbeing
	How the engagement of the project will embrace equality, diversity and inclusion
London Borough of Culture 2027 [Years 5 and 6 only]	Contribution to the London Borough of Culture 2027 objectives: how the project celebrates Haringey's spirit of everyday rebellion, empowers local voices, and brings creativity into the heart of the community Use of art and culture to achieve sustainability goals imaginatively and creatively
Delivery plan and risks	Clear project plan with realistic, achievable milestones and mitigations in place for project risks
	Readiness of project including necessary expertise on board and completed feasibility studies and consents
Value for money and relevant costs	Realistic budget with eligible items
	Best value costs
	The level of secured match funding internally or externally

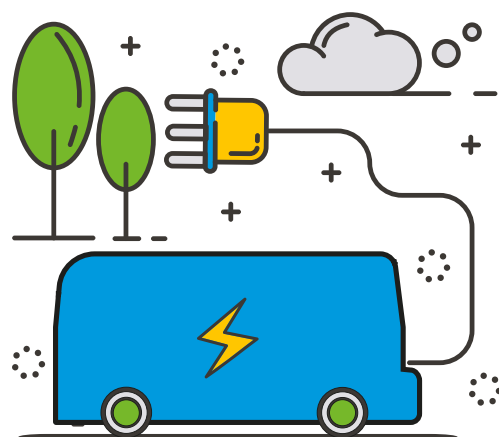
TIMELINE

Stage 1 Preparing your bid project	Late September	Bid period opens Visit our website and case studies for inspiration You can contact us for help, please see the last page
	October	Q & A events (one in person, one online) where council officers respond to questions to help with applications (details to register will be online)
Stage 2 Submission deadline	Last week of November	Submission - online or via email Download application forms and guidance document on our website
Stage 3 Review of bids	December	Bids will be reviewed and shortlisted by council officers.
	January	Shortlisted bids invited to present their projects to panel members for discussion and scoring.
Stage 4 Clarifications and formalising your grant	February	Successful applicants might be contacted for clarifications to help finalise the grant agreement
	March	Internal review and due diligence of bids, preparation of sign off documentation
Stage 5 Project implementation	April	Awarding of funding
	November	Mid-project monitoring and reporting
	March	Project completion Small-medium sized projects are expected to complete within one year, but large projects can be completed within one to two years

FORMALISING YOUR GRANT

Along with your successful grant agreement, payment schedules will be set with officers based on key project milestones. Applicants should ensure they have sufficient initial funds to start their projects.

Leaders of funded projects will be invited to attend our Carbon Literacy training.



IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUR PROJECT

Grantees will receive a communications pack (HCCF logo, stickers, social media template) to help share their success and promote HCCF.

At a minimum, grantees should:

- Share pre- and post-events with Climate Change Team
- Take photos during events and at project completion
- Ensure communications refer to HCCF funding received and feature the HCCF logo

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Grantees must track progress against the milestones and objectives in their project plan both midpoint and on completion in conjunction with a final evaluation and case study. Grantees must submit the monitoring reports to officers, provide regular updates to officers and update on any project changes in line with the grant agreement.

This is a chance to inspire other community groups, share learning, highlighting successes and challenges and to help promote HCCF further - examples below.

HOW THE HCCF IS FINANCED?

HCCF is funded by [**Section 106 carbon offset planning contributions**](#) from new developments when developers demonstrate they cannot fully meet zero-carbon targets on their sites.

In [**Haringey's Climate Change Action Plan**](#), we have set out our ambition to become a net zero carbon borough by 2041. Achieving this requires creativity, collaboration and community innovation.

The HCCF cultivates and supports innovative grassroots carbon-reduction projects and, since its launch, has funded 36 projects in the first four years. Following its success, an additional £400,000 has been approved by Cabinet to extend the programme to 2028/2029.



CONTACT AND MORE INFORMATION

HARINGEY COUNCIL'S TEAMS

CLIMATE CHANGE TEAM

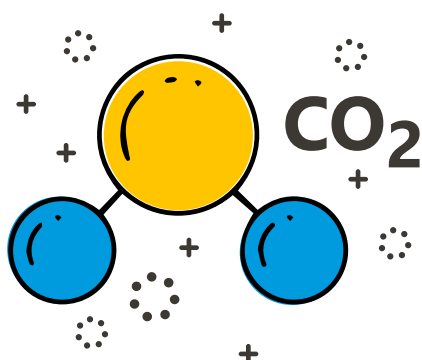
For further guidance on application and submission process, you can get in touch via:

✉ climate@haringey.gov.uk

CULTURE TEAM

For Years 5 and 6 only, "contribution to the London Borough of Culture aims" is part of the scoring criteria. Our Culture Team are happy to provide support on how to embed cultural element into project submissions – please contact:

✉ culture@haringey.gov.uk



MORE INFORMATION

For application forms, guidance and case studies, please visit:

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community-carbon-fund](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/community-carbon-fund)

HARINGEY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

Haringey Community Collaborative offer regular capacity building sessions including bid-writing, good governance and budgeting. If you would like support with developing these skills when preparing your application, please contact:

✉ hello@haringeycollaborative.org



APPENDIX: CASE STUDIES

The council has previously provided small grants to community carbon reduction projects. Existing projects to draw inspiration from are included below.



**THEME: GENERATING
RENEWABLE ENERGY**

PROJECT

Installation of LED lighting and solar panels; delivery of a set of monthly sessions on reducing emissions, identifying and training local 'Carbon Champions'.

YEAR 1: LORDSHIP HUB

Medium - £14,000

DIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

- 1.8 tonnes of CO₂ per year
- Using electricity from the sun while the centre is in use

INDIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

Live screen showing electricity generation and usage, the Carbon Champion training and community outreach



**THEME: CIRCULAR
ECONOMY (PREVENTION OF
BUYING NEW GOODS)**

PROJECT

Delivery of bi-monthly repair cafes, supporting 110+ residents to reduce waste and increase local skills to fix things.

YEAR 1: HARINGEY FIXERS

Micro - £500

INDIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

Promoting behaviour change through repairing electronics, household items, clothes and machinery.





THEME: INSTALLING LOW CARBON HEATING SYSTEM

PROJECT

Installation of a trial
air-to-air heat pump
in a meeting room

Medium - £2,600

DIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

0.8 tonnes of CO₂ per year by replacing the heating supplied by the central gas heating with renewable energy, and the greater control of heating via a control system.

INDIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

Engagement with user groups including explanatory display of this low carbon heating system, data monitoring and sharing learnings with the wider community.



YEAR 2: MUSWELL HILL METHODIST CHURCH



THEME: IMPROVING BUILDINGS ENERGY EFFICIENCY

PROJECT

Changed
theatre lighting stock
to LED, offering re-
use of replaced stock
to small companies

Large - £15,900

DIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

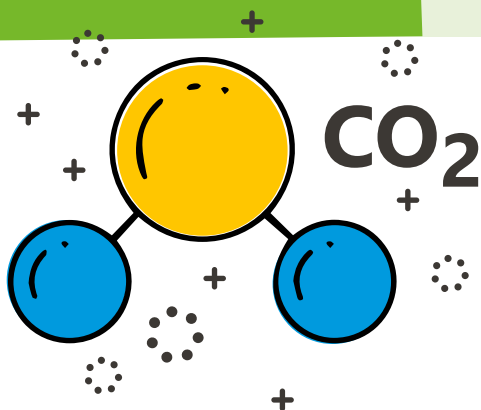
1.97 tonnes of CO₂ per year

INDIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

Engagement with young people interested in careers in arts, showcasing sustainable ways to run a cultural venue



YEAR 3: JACKSONS LANE





**THEME: COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT AND BEHAVIOUR
CHANGE (FOOD WASTE
REDUCTION)**

PROJECT

Championed change
in habits of children
and kitchen staff to
reduce school lunch
food waste

YEAR 3: WILLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Micro - £760

INDIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

Encouraging sustainable
behaviour change in
food portions and waste
beyond school lunches



**THEME: CIRCULAR
ECONOMY (REPURPOSING
OF WASTE)**

PROJECT

Facilitated a
co-designed mural art
piece, measured by the
waste materials collected
by the children to
repurpose into art

YEAR 3: WEST GREEN PLAYGROUP

Micro - £1000

INDIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

Encouraging behaviour
change by rethinking
what waste means and
how to reduce waste





YEAR 4: ANTWERP ARMS ASSOCIATION

**THEME: GENERATING
RENEWABLE ENERGY**

PROJECT

**Installation of solar
PV panels and battery
storage**

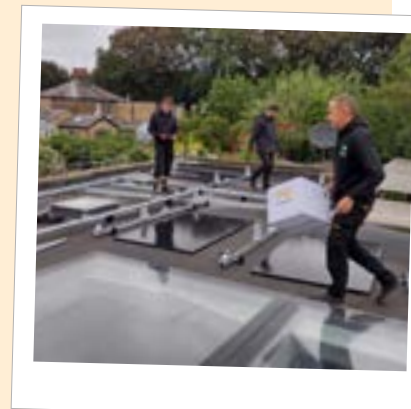
Medium - £15,000

DIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

- 0.84 tonnes of CO₂ per year
- Generating electricity from the sun, charging the batteries and using this renewable energy in the evenings

INDIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

Engagement with shareholders and customers, an engagement day and press release to local papers to set out the benefits of solar panels.



**THEME: CIRCULAR
ECONOMY (REDUCTION OF
FOOD WASTE)**

PROJECT

**Installation of a community
hot food compost unit
and hosting of events to
encourage local people to
learn how to compost and
reduce food waste**

YEAR 4: HARMONY GARDENS

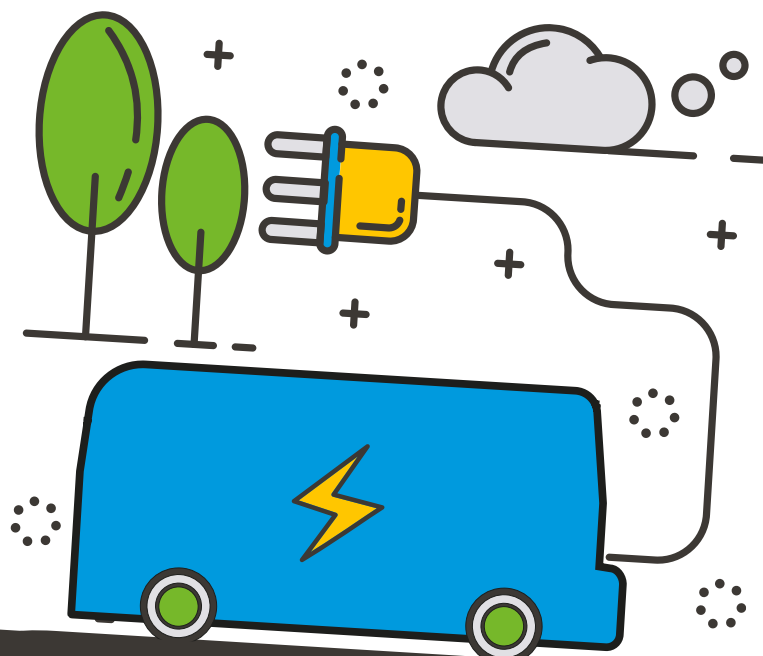
Micro - £1000

INDIRECT CARBON REDUCTION

Encouraging
behaviour change
to adopt home
composting







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