

Community Development Guaranteed Grant Main Form

Group/Organisation Contact Details

Name of your project if this is different Action on climate change

Q1. Organisation/Group Details

Name Salisbury Community Energy Limited

Main contact for this application

This must be someone from your organisation/group who knows about your project and can be contacted during office hours

If you have any communication needs, please tell us what they are

Please specify other language

Please specify other need

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Please indicate status Community Benefit Society

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Tell us about your organisation

Q2. When was your organisation/group established

March 2017

Q3. Does your organisation have the documents and policies listed below - The Grant Panel may request to see evidence of some or all of the documents and policies

A Governing Document (Memorandum of Association, Constitution or Set of Rules) which sets out the organisations aims and Objectives, Rules, Trustees/Board Membership etc

Equal Opportunities Polict which complies with equalities legislation and is in line with the Council's Equality policy

Q4. Briefly describe the aims and objectives of your organisation/group, including details of services/ projects/ activities you currently run

Salisbury Community Energy (SCE) was set up in 2017 as a new Community Benefit Society (a form of co-operative, registration 7508). We are one of over 258 community energy groups in England and Wales (registered with Community Energy England). SCE is run by a volunteer Board of Directors, with a paid co-ordinator, all from the local community. We have a constitution (our 'Rules'), an open membership scheme, and an equal opportunity policy. Our aim is to drive and deliver the uptake of renewable energy in the Salisbury area, and to use our community benefit fund to relieve the impacts of severe weather: flooding, and cold. We are working towards our first community share offer with a portfolio of solar pv sites in partnership with long-established community energy group Schools Energy Co-op.

Or Building Society Roll number

What are you planning to do?

Q.5 Please indicate below whether you are applying for funding for a grant over 1, 2, or 3 years

Three Years

Q6. Tell us about the project or activities you are planning

This application is for a project in Salisbury to tackle the climate emergency:

- the installation of renewable energy (solar PV panels and – where feasible – microhydro-power, to generate cheap electricity);
- the implementation of energy efficiency measures, eg insulation and solar PV, on new homes and cold old homes;
- feasibility work into generating off-grid renewable energy for emergency situations eg a flood.

The project aims to introduce 'clean, green' energy to Salisbury to enable us to move away from fossil fuels: petrol, oil, coal and diesel.

Funding is needed to cover core operational costs of Salisbury Community Energy (SCE) now that the Feed In Tariff has been cancelled. SCE has a vital role to play in identifying potential new sites for solar PV and other forms of renewable energy. SCE's community engagement and information role is also needed, so the project includes the costs of events, public liability insurance, publications, communications, videos, website work, online opinion polls, surveys and media work.

SCE's track record.

Since forming in March 2017, SCE has carried out three government-funded feasibility studies under the Rural Community Energy Fund scheme and delivered the reports on time. As a result, SCE was selected, among other community energy groups across the country, for Ministerial media promotion of the RCEF grant re-launch recently.

Our first RCEF feasibility study was on solar PV. We surveyed approximately 150 possible roof-sites in Salisbury and arrived at a shortlist of ten sites, four of which are now being taken forward. Our hydro RCEF feasibility study involved an online survey of 60 potential sites on Salisbury's 'Five Rivers', with site surveys of 23 of them. From this a shortlist of 4 sites went to the Environment Agency for 'pre-application approval'. Two received it, Standlynch Mill and Bishops Mill. Our third RCEF feasibility study, solar PV, was on Diocesan schools. This enabled us to reach a portfolio of eight solar sites which have been registered to receive the Feed In Tariff and are being taken forward.

Q7. Please explain how you know that people in your community want this project and what difference you hope the grant will make

Wiltshire Council and many other local authorities have just declared a Climate Emergency. Hundreds of children and young people have been attending School Strikes for Climate protests including in the Guildhall Square. There is an active Extinction Rebellion group here in Salisbury.

SCE has evidence that people here want a low-carbon future. We have carried out extensive community engagement including four online polls , market stands, events, talks and surveys. We have directly contacted 351 independent retailers and 86 interest groups in Salisbury. Our 'Re-energise Salisbury' launch event on 1st September last year attracted over a hundred participants. Our last e-News was opened by 491 people locally.

We need to reach a 'tipping point' towards future de-carbonisation, the target of this project. This project acts on a clear message from the public that a cleaner, greener city is what they want. The Maltings redevelopment masterplan identifies that flood risk to Salisbury is now higher and will increase with future climate impacts. Air pollution is also a key concern in Salisbury and a project promoting the transition to clean green energy and transport will help to tackle it.

The project will also make a difference by bringing people together, increasing social cohesiveness and community resilience in the face of the threat of climate change, and by educating and raising awareness of the practical impacts of climate change locally.

Q8. What is the time scale of your project or activity?

3 years

Q9. How many residents of the Salisbury City Area do you expect to benefit directly from your project/service/activity?

45K

Q10. How will the success of this project/activity be measured?

The success of the project will be measured in one overall metric: uptake of renewable energy in Salisbury, and progress towards the 'low carbon tipping point'. The number of people (including young people) actively engaging with the project will be a further indicator of success. This will be measured through new membership and investment in Salisbury Community Energy, attendance at events, web and social media engagement.

Q11. What are the main risks for the success of the project/activity and how will these risks be managed. E.G Health and Safety, financial challenges

Risk 1: legal and planning risks, eg solar PV, micro-hydropower at Bishops Mill / The Maltings. Risk level medium to low. Mitigation, specialist solicitor is on SCE Board of Directors. Community Energy England have substantial expertise as a resource. Previous and current community engagement has provided evidence of strong support for the introduction of renewable energy in Salisbury.

Risk 2: health & safety. Risk level medium to low. Mitigation, comprehensive insurance and risk-assessed contractors engaged only.

Risk 3: closure of Salisbury Community Energy or Schools Energy Coop. Risk level: low. Mitigation - active engagement with Wessex Community Energy Network, Regen, and Community Energy England for expertise, experience and support. SCE is a community benefit society with limited liability.

Risk 4: impacts of govt policy on renewable energy. Risk level: low. The government has enacted in legislation a target for net zero emissions target by 2050 (announced 11 June 2019). Climate change impacts will increasingly determine govt policies that support low carbon development.

Financial Information

Q12. a. Tell us how much money you need for your project/activity - Give us a breakdown of what the money is to be used for. In Column A tell us the total cost for the Item, use columns B,C, and D to tell us how much funding you are requesting in Years 1, 2 and 3

Item/Activity	A - Total Cost
Action on climate change: site selection, partnership-working, owner liaison, feasibility work, community engagement, events, publications, communications.	9000

Please provide quotes/evidence of costs for any capital items

Do you have an electronic copy of your most recent income and expenditure sheet

Yes

Please upload a copy of your income and expenditure sheet

[SCE ACCOUNTS_year ended 31 Mar 2019.pdf](#)

If you do not have an electronic copy of your latest income and expenditure sheet a hard copy MUST be submitted to the Community Development Team, Salisbury City Council, Bemerton Heath Centre, 58-60 Pinewood Way, Salisbury SP2 9HU. Please ensure they are clearly labelled with your organisations name.

Q13. Please describe what contribution you will be making towards the cost of the project/activity

Salisbury Community Energy is a community energy group so will be raising as much funds as feasible within the community share offer model. Amounts will be determined by the extent of local support for our portfolios. We will also be applying for other grant support including those listed below.

Q14. If your organisation/group has received a grant from Salisbury City Council in the last three years, please give details (enter N/A if not applicable)

N/A

Q15. Please provide details of other organisations you are applying to for this project/activity or have already received grants in support of this (enter N/A if not applicable)

The National Lottery Community Fund, Reaching communities. Swindon & Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (low carbon energy strategy).

Q16. If your organisation/group has financial reserves, for what purpose are they held? (enter N/A if not applicable)

N/A

Q17. If your reserves are more than the amount you are requesting, please explain why you are making this application (enter N/A if not applicable)

N/A

Q 18. Please tell us what the impact would be if this grant application was unsuccessful

Fewer schools and other sites would be installed with solar PV. SCE would be unable to work on 'cold homes'. It would be difficult to bridge the cost gap to implement microhydro-power at The Maltings. Restricted communications would reduce flow of information and community engagement.

Further Information

What is the status of your organisation?

Other - please state

Please give us your bank or building society account details

You are only able to apply for a grant if you have a bank/building society account in the name of the group

Your group's account name

Salisbury Community Energy Limited

Bank/Building Society name

Triodos Bank

Bank/Building Society address

Deanery Rd, Bristol BS1 5AS

Sort Code

165810

Bank Account number (must be eight digits) 20759193

We need this information to pay your grant without delay if your application is successful

Declaration

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this application form is true and correct. I understand that you may ask for additional information at any stage of the application process

Name Alison Craig

Salisbury City Council will not sell or rent your personally identifiable information to anyone, or use the data for any other purpose incompatible with the purpose for which it was originally collected (Grant Application). We will only hold your information for as long as necessary for the purposes (a year after the event)

I consent for my personal data being held for the purposes listed

Date Monday, June 17, 2019

If an application is knowingly submitted with false information it will be disqualified and be withdrawn

Please remember:

Decisions will be notified within 2 weeks of the grant deadline

If you have not answered all the relevant questions and sent all the information we require, **we will return your application to you and this will cause a delay.**