

Climate Change Bulletin – May 2023

SWIMMING POOL SUPPORT FUND
Deadline:
Further information will be made available shortly.
Details:
Announced new £63m fund to help keep public swimming pools afloat. The Swimming Pool Support Fund will allow local authorities to apply for funding for leisure centres with pools that face immediate pressures caused by rising energy and maintenance costs. Of the funding, £40m will go towards making pools more energy efficient in the long term, and £23m will be made available to help leisure centres deal with rising costs. Council-run pools, as well as those run on behalf of councils by private companies & charities are all eligible for support.
How to apply:
https://www.sportengland.org/news/new-funding-help-keep-leisure-centres-pools-afloat

MANAGEMENT FORESTRY INNOVATION FUND & TREE PRODUCTION INNOVATION FUND
Deadline:
The Forestry Commission which will accept applications to the Tree Production Innovation Fund until 9 th May 2023, & Woods into Management Forestry Innovation Fund until 15 th May 2023.
Details:
In an effort to meet net zero by 2050, the UK government is making £4m in funding available for innovative projects that enhance tree planting stocks and woodland resilience. Applications for both the Woods into Management Forestry Innovation Fund and the Tree Production Innovation Fund are now being accepted to boost nature regeneration efforts, promote biodiversity, and support innovative approaches to tree production, tree health, and woodland resilience through increased and improved active management of woodlands.
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/forestry-funds-open-to-boost-biodiversity-and-futureproof-forests-against-pests-diseases-and-climate-change

THE ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL
Deadline:
The closing date is on the 17 th May 2023 4:00pm.
Details:
The Economic & Social Research Council has released details of a funding call for the creation of a centre to tackle the effects of climate change on population health. The centre will bring together experts & resources from different disciplines & institutions to conduct research & provide evidence of the link between climate change & human health for policymakers over a period of 5 years. Proposals must involve collaboration across multiple disciplines & sectors & should include an emphasis on addressing inequality as a key theme. UK Research & Innovation will fund up to 80% of the full economic cost of the project, which is valued at a maximum of £9.7m.
How to apply:
https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/centre-in-climate-change-and-health/

HEAT NETWORK EFFICIENCY SCHEME
Deadline:
The scheme will run until 2025 with the first round closing to applicants on the 19 th May 2023.
Details:
Public, private & third sector organisations can apply for funding to improve the performance of existing heat networks. The £32m Heat Network Efficiency Scheme, funded by the Dept for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, will provide funding to heat network operators to make improvements to existing heat networks or communal heating projects that are not performing to their maximum efficiency, resulting in better outcome for customers & operators. The scheme will provide up to 50% funding for capital works, and up to 100% funding for Optimisation studies.
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heat-network-efficiency-scheme-hnes

LOCAL EV INFRASTRUCTURE FUND
Deadline:
The deadline for expressions of interest is the 26 th May 2023.
Details:
To support the transition to electric vehicles, the Government is making £381m of funding available to support local authorities to plan & deliver chargepoint infrastructure for residents without off-street parking. The Local EV Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund comprises of capital funding to support installation of EV chargepoints, & capability funding for local authorities to employ and train new staff specifically to plan and deliver ChargePoint infrastructure. Eligible county councils, unitary authorities & combined authorities can indicate if they would like their funding to be in financial year 2023/24 or 2024/25 based on their readiness to apply for & implement LEVI fund.
How to apply:
https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/grants-and-loans/local-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-scheme

TREE PRODUCTION CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAMME
Deadline:
The closing date for applications is the 31 st May 2023.
Details:
The Forestry Commission Tree Production Capital Grant Programme aims to increase the production of tree seed & saplings. The grant will support the development of machinery and automation, as well as the expansion of facilities to boost production rates. This initiative has been designed to complement the Tree Production Innovation Fund, which provides support for research projects aimed at enhancing UK tree production methods. Grants of up to £175,000 are available, which can cover up to 50% of the costs. The funding is part of the UK government's £750m Nature for Climate Fund. The type of organisations that can apply include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • private sector nurseries and seed suppliers. • public sector organisations such as Local Authorities. • new entrants to forestry from adjacent horticultural/agricultural sectors. • environmental NGOs. • community tree nurseries.
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-production-capital-grant

URBAN TREE CHALLENGE FUND
Deadline:
Those wishing to plant trees in '23/24 must submit applications by 11:59pm on 30 th June 2023.
Details:
Grants are available to community/volunteer groups as well as town councils & individuals for tree planting projects in socially deprived urban & peri-urban areas. Funding aims to support people's health & wellbeing by levelling-up access to nature. The fund provides 80% of standard costs for planting large trees & their establishment costs. The remaining 20% must be met through match funding either in the form of money or labour. There is a minimum application value of £10,000. Payments for trial pits have been introduced in this round to check for the presence of services.
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/urban-tree-challenge-fund

LOCAL AUTHORITY TREESCAPES FUND
Deadline:
Applications received after the 30 th June 2023 will be considered for projects which plan to begin planting during the planting season in the 2024-2025 financial year.
Details:
Local Authority Treescapes fund aims to restore tree cover in non-woodland areas which may have been impacted by issues i.e., disease, habitat degradation or ageing tree stock. Funding is available to establish more trees in non-woodland areas i.e., parklands, riparian zones, urban areas, beside roads/footpaths, hedgerow trees & field boundaries. Grants of £50,000-£300,000 will be awarded to Borough, District/City Councils, County Councils, Unitary & Metropolitan Boroughs. Local authorities are encouraged to work with schools, other organisations, grass root organisations, community groups, & private individuals to deliver planting.
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-authority-treescapes-fund

FRIENDS PROVIDENT FOUNDATION'S 4D ECONOMY GRANTS
Deadline:
The next deadline for main grants is the 10 th July 2023. Applications for small grants can be submitted at any time.
Details:
Charities, social enterprises, and private companies can apply for funding for projects and activities that help to create fairness and sustainability in the economy. The funding is being made available to support the development of new economic ideas and approaches that push for and create a more just and sustainable economy based on the four D's: Diversified, Decarbonised, Democratised & Decentralised. Most grants will be in the region of £50,000-£75,000 and are available to support project and/or core funding. Small grants of up to £10,000 are also available to develop the ideas of under-resourced or newer entrants to economic systems change work.
How to apply:
https://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/grants/

NATURE FOR CLIMATE PEATLAND GRANT SCHEME
Deadline:
Details on how to apply will be added to the Natural England website before applications open.
Details:
Environmental groups, local authorities, charities, public bodies, individual landowners etc will be able to apply for funding to restore degraded peatlands. This competitive scheme aims to restore the whole hydrological unit of a peatland & reduce emissions from peat, with a goal of restoring 35,000 hectares of degraded peat by March '25. Applicants must have authority to carry out the activities in their proposal & demonstrate how their proposal will deliver the scheme's objectives, including wider benefits like improved ecosystems & biodiversity, better water quality, natural flood management, & protection of historic environment features. Restoration Grant applicants can normally apply for up to 75% of total project costs, & exceptional cases up to 85% of the cost.
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nature-for-climate-peatland-grant-scheme

FCC COMMUNITIES' FOUNDATION
Deadline:
The closing date for applications are: 2023-2 Round opens 22 March 2023 and closes at 5.00pm on 7 June 2023. 2023-3 Round opens 21 June 2023 and closes at 5.00pm on 6 September 2023. 2023-4 Round opens 20 September 2023 and closes at 5.00pm on 6 December 2023.
Details:
FCC Communities Foundation helps benefit lives of people who live close to landfill sites by awarding grants for community, biodiversity & heritage projects. The Fund is designed to deliver amenity projects in 10 miles of an FCC Environment landfill site in FCC Communities operating area. Following types of amenities can be funded: Village Halls, community centres, public play areas, multi-sport games areas, sport/recreation grounds, churches, nature reserves, public gardens & woodlands, museums. Funding is available of £2,000-£100,000 for projects with a maximum total project cost of £500,000.
How to apply:
https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-community-action-fund

WORKPLACE CHARGING SCHEME
Deadline:
Closing date 31 st March 2024, 11:59pm
Details:
Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS) is a voucher-based scheme that provides eligible businesses with support towards upfront costs of the purchase & installation of electric vehicle (EV) charge points. All businesses can use it to help provision charge points for their staff or fleets. Charities & small accommodation businesses can further use it to provision charge points for their guests or visitors. Public Sector, Non-profit, Private Sector can apply & can get from £350 to £14,000.
How to apply:
https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/workplace-charging-scheme

EV INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FOR STAFF AND FLEETS
Deadline:
Closing date 31 st March 2024, 11:59pm.
Details:
The grants provide small/medium sized businesses funding to install electric vehicle (EV) charge points and relating supporting infrastructure for their staff and fleet vehicles. Public Sector, Private Sector, Non-profits can apply. You can get from One grant of either £2,850 or 75% off the cost of installing infrastructure and a charge point, whichever amount is lower to 5 grants of up to £15,000, totalling £75,000.
How to apply:
https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/ev-infrastructure-grant-for-staff-and-fleets

EV INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FOR LANDLORDS
Deadline:
Closing date 31 st March 2024, 11:59pm.
Details:
The grants provide residential & commercial landlords, including social housing providers, funding to install electric vehicle (EV) charge points and relating supporting infrastructure in rental and leasehold properties. Non-profit, Public Sector, Private Sector organisations can apply, and you can get from one grant of either £350 or 75% off the cost to buy and install a socket, whichever amount is lower for a charge point installation to 300 grants each year, of up to £350 each for the EV charge point grant and 30 grants of up to £30,000 for the EV infrastructure grant, totalling £1,005,000 a year.
How to apply:
https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/ev-chargepoint-grant-for-landlords

WOODLAND PARTNERSHIP
Deadline:
Closing date 31 st March 2024, 11:59pm.
Details:
A lease scheme available to private and public landowners with options of 60 or 120 years. Forestry England (FE) are looking for land plots suitable for tree planting ideally of 50Ha+. Once the lease is agreed FE will design, plant & manage new woodland and the landowner will receive a negotiated rent. Public Sector, Private Sector & Non-profits can apply & you can get from £100-£300 per hectare per year.
How to apply:
https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/woodland-partnership-forestry-england

TREE HEALTH PILOT SCHEME
Deadline:
Closing date 31 st August 2024, 11:59pm
Details:
The tree health pilot scheme will test different ways of slowing the spread of pests and diseases affecting trees in England. It expands on support already available through the Countryside Stewardship woodland tree health grant. The results of the pilot, which runs from August 2021 to 2024, will help develop the future funding policy for tree health schemes. Around 100 grant agreements will be allocated through a competitive application process. Non-profit, Personal / Individual, Public Sector, Private Sector can apply and you can get from £500 to No maximum award as it is dependent on learning objectives. Total size of grant scheme is £3.3 million.
How to apply:
https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/tree-health-pilot

GREEN HEAT NETWORK FUND
Deadline:
Closing date 29 th November 2024, 10:59pm.
Details:
The Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF) is a 3 year, £288m capital grant fund that will support the commercialisation & construction of new low and zero carbon (LZC) heat networks (including the supply of cooling) & the retrofitting & expansion of existing heat networks. It aims to develop & grow the heat network market and to address some of the challenges of decarbonising the UK's heat sector. Personal/Individuals, Non-profits, Private Sector, Public Sector organisations can apply. You can get from £1 to £1m (applications above £1m can be made, should an applicant have assessed that support in excess of this amount is required, and all other application gated metrics are met, however BEIS reserves the right to decline such an application).
How to apply:
https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/green-heat-network-fund

NATURAL ENGLAND SPECIES RECOVERY PROGRAMME
Deadline:
Closing date 25 th November 2022, 5:00pm.
Details:
Expression of Interest: The Natural England Species Recovery Programme intends to open a competitive capital grant scheme next year. The scheme would be divided across two financial years (2023/2024 to 2024/2025). We intend to take the results of the market engagement exercise into account in developing the detailed design of the potential grant scheme. Private Sector, Non-profit, Public Sector can apply. Total size of grant scheme £18 million.
How to apply:
https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/species-recovery-programme

THE BOILER UPGRADE SCHEME
Deadline:
Closing date 31 st December 2024, 11:59pm.
Details:
Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS) supports the decarbonisation of homes & small non-domestic buildings. The scheme provides upfront capital grants of £5000 or £6000 to encourage property owners to replace existing fossil fuel heating with more efficient, low carbon heating systems including heat pumps & biomass boilers. Who can apply Personal/Individual, Non-profit, Private Sector. You can get from £5,000 to £6,000 & total size of grant scheme £450m over 3 years.
How to apply:
https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/boiler-upgrade-scheme

CLIMATE ACTION FUND
Deadline:
There is no deadline and applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis.
Details:
£8m is available to community projects that are focusing on link between nature & climate. Groups can apply for funding of up to £1.5m over 2-5 years to support place based & UK-wide partnerships that use nature to encourage more community-led climate action & help communities tackle climate change. The Fund expects most projects to be funded between £300,000-£500,000. Development grants of £50,000-£150,000 over 12-18 months are also available for those communities wanting to develop initial ideas. Fund is interested in projects that can do at least one of the following: show how creating a deeper connection with nature will lead to changing people's behaviours & greater care for environment or show how by bringing nature back into the places we live & work, we can help communities to reduce or adapt to the impacts of climate change. It is anticipated that 12-15 projects will be funded. Applications will be accepted from: local partnerships or UK-wide partnerships which are delivered across at least 2 UK countries.
How to apply:
https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND
Deadline:
Applications can be made at any time.
Details:
Aviva has teamed up with Crowdfunder to offer funding of up to £50,000 to small charities, schools, & community interest groups with innovative ideas that benefit their community. Every 3 months, £250,000 will be split equally among Aviva's UK employees to donate to projects that matter to them most. Aviva wants to support projects that boost resilience of communities in face of uncertainty & will be supporting projects in 2 key areas: <i>Climate Action</i> : Promoting healthy, thriving communities by preventing, preparing for, and protecting against the impacts of climate change & <i>Financial Wellbeing</i> : Helping people to take control of their wellbeing by giving them the tools to be more financially resilient and independent. To take part the project must also be raising funds to develop a new approach, product, or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group.
How to apply:
https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/

GOOGLE AI FOR THE GLOBAL GOALS
Deadline:
The application window will remain open until all selections are made.
Details:
Google has opened a call for applications to find organisations around the world that are using artificial intelligence (AI) to create new, innovative solutions to existing societal problems & to make progress against UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Successful applicants will receive support through a combination of funding, product donations & technical expertise. There is no fixed amount that can be requested, but previous awards have averaged \$1.3m. Previously supported projects have included AI-powered tools to track air quality/pollution, & use of bioacoustics monitoring to detect immediate deforestation threats. Applications will be accepted from not-for-profits, academic or research institutions, & for-profit social enterprise companies.
How to apply:
https://google.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_di0qQuYNuDnUijE

REACHING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time.
Details:
Reaching Communities projects must address 1 or more of the following outcomes. People have better chances in life, with better access to training & development to improve their life skills; Stronger communities, with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problems; Improved rural & urban environments, which communities are better able to access & enjoy; & Healthier & more active people & communities. Revenue/small capital funding from £10,000-£500,000 for revenue projects and/or smaller capital projects up to £50,000. Buildings, £100,000-£500,000 for large capital projects.
How to apply:
https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england

ENGLAND COMMUNITY FORESTS: TREES FOR CLIMATE GRANTS
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time.
Details:
Trees for Climate is delivered by the 13 Community Forests across England, who have extensive experience in supporting landowners to establish and manage woodlands. Trees for Climate grant funding can cover the costs of woodland creation, fencing, paths and other infrastructure, and ongoing maintenance for up to 15 years. Design, planning and planting support from professional woodland advisors is also available.
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-woodland-creation-partnerships-grants-and-advice-table/england-woodland-creation-partnerships-grants-and-advice-table

FARESHARE'S SURPLUS WITH PURPOSE FUND
Deadline:
Funding applications can be submitted at any time.
Details:
The Surplus with Purpose Fund provides funding of up to £50,000 to food businesses to offset costs of sending good quality surplus food to good causes, helping the people most in need. The fund is open to companies seeking to unlock new or hard to reach surplus (or 'waste') food, as well as those who haven't worked with FareShare. Stock types eligible are Packaging/labelling errors; Stock that's become surplus due to forecasting errors; Stock below MLOR (48 hours minimum life on receipt by FareShare); Fruit/veg past BBE; Stock past BBE (subject to manufacturer's extension letter); Quality rejections - 'out of spec'; Unfinished products; Bulk ingredients for manufacturing; Lines no longer being retailed; Samples and NPD's; Foreign label stock. Damages; Seasonal stock; Retailer branded food. Funding can be used to cover the additional staff costs needed for packing & sorting edible surplus food, or in building, implementing and managing new processes. It could also cover packaging & transportation costs, or lost income from the sale of surplus to animal feed or anaerobic digestion.
How to apply:
https://fareshare.org.uk/giving-food/

MCS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time.
Details:
The MCS Charitable Foundation funds a range of projects that accelerate the adoption of renewable energy & low carbon technologies. Grants of £5,000-£50,000 are available to public sector organisations, charities & not-for-profits for projects that have a UK-wide impact, either through having a national reach or through developing/demonstrating an innovative approach that could be replicated, adapted or scaled up. Projects should fall under the following themes: education, skills & CPD; public awareness/information & consumer confidence; zero carbon planning; or local zero carbon delivery initiatives. Grants of up to £100,000 will be considered in exceptional cases. Applicants should initially submit an expression of interest. Bids should fall into one of the following themes: Zero carbon planning; Education, skills & CPD; Public awareness/information & consumer confidence; Local zero carbon delivery initiatives. Bids should also meet at least one of the following criteria:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed funding for innovative initiatives. • Support delivery of a proof of concept. • Research to support innovation or capacity building in one of the themed areas. • Sharing good practice.
The Foundation is also open to applications that fall outside of these standard criteria if applicant can make a strong case that proposal could have a step-change impact in society's action. Applications that have match funding will be looked upon favourably.
How to apply:
https://www.mcscharitablefoundation.org/funding

WOODLAND TRUST - FREE TREES
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time.
Details:
The Woodland Trust has free tree packs to give away to schools, community & youth groups. The free tree packs are available for planting on one publicly accessible site. Packs will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. All applicants need to do is find a suitable site & supply volunteer planters & tree protection. Tree packs for schools/communities offer perfect opportunity to bring people together to plant trees - encouraging local wildlife, protecting our landscape against tree disease & creating beautiful, wooded areas that people can enjoy. Packs available are: Small (30 saplings); Medium (105 saplings); or Large (420 saplings).
How to apply:
https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/

ENGLAND WOODLAND CREATION OFFER
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time.
Details:
<p>Landowners, land managers and public bodies can apply to the England Woodland Creation Offer for support to create new woodland, including through natural colonisation, on areas as small as 1 hectare. The grant will cover standard capital costs for tree planting (up to a per hectare cap), as well as rewarding farmers and landowners for providing public and/or wider environmental benefits. There are four types of payments available under EWCO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support for capital items & activities to establish new woodland, at 100% of standard costs. • 10 years of annual Maintenance Payments to help establish the young trees once the capital works are complete. • contribution towards the actual cost of installing infrastructure to either enable the current and future management of the woodland, or to provide recreational access. • optional Additional Contributions where the location of the woodland and its design will deliver public benefits. You can apply for multiple Additional Contributions on the same land where it touches the right spatial layer, and the design is compatible. <p>EWCO is open to owner occupiers, tenants, landlords and licensors who have full management control of the land in the application (or consent from those who do). Land is eligible if it is: in England; within full management control of the applicant (& any counter-signatories, where applicable); not already classified as woodland; not subject to any existing legal requirement or obligation to create woodland; not subject to a dispute between landlords and tenants; not currently within an existing grant agreement that has more than five months left to run at the time the EWCO application is submitted (see How do I transition my woodland creation scheme into the England Woodland Creation Offer for more information).</p>
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/england-woodland-creation-offer#how-to-apply

ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION - FOOD STRAND
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time.
Details:
<p>The Food Strand programme supports initiatives that raise awareness, promote & demonstrate reduced usage of harmful pesticides, herbicides, antibiotics & fossil fuels. The Foundation want to stimulate community involvement in food production & support the development of a more positive policy position. The Foundation also encourage organisations from across spectrum of food interests to work more closely together to address system-wide issues. Funding priorities include local projects that demonstrate alternative approaches to mainstream corporate food production & consumption; projects that improves people's understanding of role of food in their lives & impact it can have on personal & community wellbeing; & closer links between those who can influence changes in food production, distribution & consumption, i.e., 3rd sector community food groups/retailers.</p>
How to apply:
https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/food