

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Lead Officer: Dan Horn, Assistant Director	Service: Housing & Community Support
CMT Officer: Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer	Delegated Power Being Exercised: Part 3 - Responsibilities for Functions; Tables 4 and 5, paragraph 10: To authorise the allocation of external funding awarded to the Council, the approval of the Council's acquisitions of goods, services and works (whether following a procurement exercise or otherwise) and entry into the associated financial and legal agreements up to the following limit: Up to £100k is delegated to corporate directors in consultation with relevant portfolio holder and leader of the council
Subject of Decision: To approve receipt of Net Zero Village funding from Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA)	

Decision to be Taken:

Receipt of £93,208 from the CPCA to allocate to:

Criteria	Description
Project categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle energy use and/or support energy efficiency or generation retrofit to community buildings. • Enabling access to public transport or access to local services through low carbon transport • Nature based solutions to tackle overheating of community buildings or reduce risk of flooding.
Measure and impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon Emission reduction • Reduction in energy consumption • Reduction in running cost of community facilities • Reduce overheating of a building • Reduce risk of flooding • Demonstrator project that can be replicated • Number of the community engaged or changes in behaviour
Value for money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project represent value for money – is there a significant impact for the amount of money requested?

Grants should encourage behaviour change within the community, and we are particularly interested in the demonstrator projects that encourage wider community participation and solutions that can be replicated elsewhere.

What will it fund?

The Grant is for capital projects only for **community assets**, for example, projects could relate to buildings, land, equipment or other capital-related expenditure. This includes upgrade, extend or improve facilities or purchase capital items for community use spaces and places. Applications can relate to buildings, indoor and outdoor equipment, installation services or any other related capital item intended for community use. The fund is for village locations only.

What won't it fund?

- Projects in the towns of Chatteris, March, Whittlesey and Wisbech
- Funding of Electric Vehicle charge points (as alternative Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure funding coming)
- New gas or oil boilers
- Projects solely seeking to repair, maintain or renew due to normal wear and tear
- Projects that are not intended for community use
- Projects that have the potential to cause detrimental impacts upon the wider determinants of health
- Organisations previously awarded funding within 3 years, where the UK Subsidy Control limits will be exceeded.
- Private households, businesses premises or public sector buildings (i.e. local authority or blue light services. Parish Council owned facilities and buildings **are** eligible).

Who can apply?

The following groups and organisations are eligible to apply:

- Cambridgeshire based voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations, note if the organisation is based outside of Cambridgeshire, the building or asset must be in the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough area
- Public sector bodies in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough can apply on behalf of communities
- Businesses are eligible to apply but the project must relate to a community asset for public benefit as set out above.

FDC in receiving the funding will manage the fund in accordance with the above criteria and receive 10% of the allocation for the administrative cost. Alongside this the Council will ask an additional question linked to how any proposal will also support the recommendations of the climate change motion approved by full council in July 22 [FDC Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Policy.pdf \(fenland.gov.uk\)](#).

The Council will need to administer the fund in accordance with the Grant Funding Agreement attached.

Decision

To:

- Receive the CPCA grant funding of £93,208 from the Net Zero Villages programme to administer in accordance with the fund guidance set out above and the Grant Funding Agreement attached.
- Retain 10% of the funding for the Council's administration work relating to the fund.

Reason for the Decision:

Supports the full council motion of July 22 and enables an opportunity to gain access to funding for this purpose.

Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate):

Not to administer the fund or receive the money.

Background/Reports/Information considered and attached:

Cabinet report – Climate adaptation and carbon reduction plan

[Report and Appendix.pdf \(fenland.gov.uk\)](#)

Legal Implications

The proposal to accept the grant funding is in accordance with the terms of the grant and the CPCA's standard grant funding agreement, the terms of which have been appropriately negotiated. The Council will also put in place an agreement for signature by the recipient which ensures that its clawback and subsidy liabilities and obligations can also be met.

Financial Implications

The Council will keep 10% of the funding received for the administration cost of the programme.

Officer's Signature:

Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer

Date:

12 November 2024

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Implementation Date:

(if not called-in)

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