



Support for Energy Efficiency Initiatives Community Buildings



Introduction

The Bright Green Business Fund, which distributes grants from the 'HoTTWind@Longley' Community Turbine in Hade Edge, is interested in exploring the possibility of facilitating energy saving projects, particularly for community buildings such as village halls and buildings providing office space/facilities for "not for profit" organisations. Whilst the BGBF's sister fund, the Bright Green Community Trust, is a suitable source for supporting these projects, HoTTWind@Longley note that community owners of buildings may not have the skills to identify cost-effective energy saving measures and thus it can be difficult to apply for funding.

What is the BGBF Offering?

BGBF is offering to procure a contract with an energy efficiency consultant to undertake energy audits and identify energy saving measures across a number of community buildings in the Holme Valley South Area. The BGBF will run a call for consultants to bid for funding and allocate support to those community buildings whose owners have shown the most enthusiasm and dedication to take a project forward to installation.

How would energy saving measures be funded?

Whilst this offer would identify potential energy saving projects, it will not fund the installation work. Community facilities would be free to fund the measures directly if they have the resources, but entities would also be eligible to apply for funding from the Bright Green Community Trust in future years. If there is sufficient interest, the fund may be able to bulk purchase energy efficiency products across a number of sites to improve cost effectiveness.

What should owners of community buildings do?

Owners wanting an energy survey/audit carrying out on their building(s) should register interest with HoTTWind @Longley using the link below. This will require some basic information, but most importantly we would like to see commitment to implementing projects where they are identified. We will favour community organisations that:

- Demonstrate commitment to installing energy efficiency measures, this may include through offering to part fund the feasibility study to make BGBF funds go further
- Provide a dedicated single point of contact
- Have considered different options for funding the installation
- Demonstrate how the measures will support ongoing activities in the building.

Link to application form: <https://forms.office.com/e/Ub64uhEHNL>