

Liverpool Bay CCS Limited Community Benefit Fund

Funding criteria: community and voluntary organisations



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The Community Benefit Fund has been established by Liverpool Bay CCS Limited (LBCCS) to provide long-term investment in communities that host the Liverpool Bay Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) infrastructure. Delivered in partnership with Cheshire Community Foundation and Community Foundation Wales, the Fund recognises the important role that local communities play in supporting nationally significant infrastructure and seeks to ensure that they benefit from meaningful and lasting investment.

The Community Benefit Fund has initially been established as a four-year programme (2026–2029), with this guidance relating to Year One of the programme.

The programme will support charitable and not-for-profit organisations delivering projects that create lasting benefits for local people and places through education, environmental enhancement and the celebration of local heritage. Over the lifetime of the programme, the Fund aims to:

- strengthen community resilience through locally-led initiatives;
- promote environmental stewardship and improvements to local natural spaces;
- increase opportunities for education, skills development and learning;
- celebrate, protect and enhance local culture and heritage; and
- encourage community participation while creating a lasting legacy for communities hosting the Liverpool Bay CCS infrastructure.

Grants available

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for projects that deliver clear community benefit within Flintshire.

- Projects must deliver outcomes in at least one of the three main themes:
 - Education Projects
 - Looking after the environment
 - Celebrating Local Heritage and Culture
- be completed within 12 months of receiving the grant;
- have a clear delivery timetable;
- include a realistic and proportionate budget;
- demonstrate how funding will be spent during the project period.
- be for the benefit of people living in one of the geographic areas listed above

Approximately six to seven grants are expected to be awarded each year, although the final number of awards will depend upon the size and quality of applications received.

For more information, visit www.communityfoundationwales.org.uk

Grants will focus on the following themes

Education projects

We welcome projects that improve educational opportunities, increase knowledge and skills, inspire future generations or support lifelong learning within local communities. Projects may include, for example:

- After-school learning and homework clubs.
- Adult learning, digital inclusion or basic skills programmes.
- STEM, arts, music or creative education activities.
- Careers education, mentoring or employability workshops for young people.
- Community libraries, reading programmes or literacy projects.
- Financial literacy, wellbeing or life skills education.
- Intergenerational learning projects that bring different age groups together.

Successful applications will demonstrate how the project will create meaningful educational outcomes and provide lasting benefits for participants and the wider community.

Looking after the local environment

We are seeking projects that protect, enhance or celebrate the natural environment and improve the quality of local green spaces for communities. Projects may include, for example:

- Creation or improvement of community gardens, orchards or allotments.
- Wildlife conservation, biodiversity enhancement or pollinator initiatives.
- River, canal, woodland or park conservation and clean-up activities.
- Projects that improve public access to green spaces, footpaths or nature trails.
- Community recycling, waste reduction or environmental awareness campaigns.
- Citizen science projects that encourage local people to monitor and protect wildlife.
- Outdoor volunteering programmes that improve local natural spaces.

Applicants should explain how their project will contribute towards environmental enhancement, biodiversity, community engagement with nature or improved access to natural spaces.

Celebrating local heritage and culture

We wish to support projects that celebrate, conserve or promote the unique heritage, culture and identity of local communities. Projects may include, for example:

- Community heritage exhibitions, festivals or cultural events.
- Projects that record and preserve local history through oral histories, archives or digital collections.
- Traditional arts, crafts, music or performance projects.
- Activities celebrating the diverse cultures and identities within the local community.
- Heritage education projects for schools and community groups.
- Community museums or local history society initiatives.
- Projects that improve access to local heritage through trails, interpretation boards or digital resources.

Applications should demonstrate how the project will strengthen community identity, increase participation in cultural activities or safeguard local heritage for future generations.

Who can apply?

Applications will be accepted from organisations working in Flintshire. However, priority may be given to work being delivered for communities in the following wards:

- Queensferry and Sealand
- Hawarden: Mancot
- Hawarden: Aston
- Hawarden: Ewloe
- Northop
- Flint: Coleshill and Trelawny
- Brynford and Halkyn
- Caerwys
- Whitford
- Llanasa and Trelawnyd.



We particularly welcome applications that:

- encourage partnership working;
- engage volunteers and local residents;
- improve access to opportunities for underrepresented communities;
- create sustainable environmental or community assets;
- leave a positive legacy that extends beyond the funding period.

Projects should commence on receipt of the grant funding and be completed within twelve months. Applicants should ensure that they:

- carefully read this Funding Criteria and minimum standards before applying;
- demonstrate how their project meets the programme priorities;
- provide a realistic project budget;
- include any supporting information where appropriate before the application deadline.

Funding can contribute towards the direct costs of delivering eligible projects. The programme will not support:

- projects promoting political or religious beliefs;
- applications made on behalf of individuals;
- activities intended to build organisational reserves or surpluses;
- ongoing staffing costs where no sustainable future funding is identified;
- vehicles, electrical items or other ongoing operational costs without evidence that they will be self-sustaining following the grant period.
- work that has already taken place, or will have taken place by the time your grant is awarded.

How to apply?

Applicants must complete an online application form, which can be accessed via our website.

Please note:

- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively i.e. for costs incurred before receipt of our grant offer letter, and the signed terms and conditions have been returned.
- Grants are not available to support fundraising for other groups and charities.
- Grants must be fully spent within one year of receipt of our offer letter.
- The application must show a clear need for financial support, financial hardship or additional support needs.
- If you are a Community Interest Company (CIC) registered in the last 18 months, you are not eligible to apply for this funding. If you do apply within your first 18 months of trading your application will be rejected.

The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It requires organisations in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.

We are keen to encourage organisations to think about not just the community in which they live and work, but also how their work aligns with and complements the services and activities of other groups and organisations both voluntary and statutory.

We would like you to think about how your organisation can work together with others to add value, working in partnership rather than in competition. In your application, please explain your plans for the future as well as for the present, we would like to see how groups are thinking about the long-term impact of their decision making to work with and alongside others.

