



**Power Up North London
Community Energy Fund
Guide for applicants 2022**

What is the fund?

The PUNL Community Energy Fund uses surplus funds from the business activity of Power Up North London to encourage and support community action in reducing carbon in our atmosphere. The fund is administered by a committee formed of PUNL shareholders, and members of our board of directors. We want to tackle climate change, and are excited about this opportunity to take that journey with other organisations based in North London.

How much is available?

The fund will provide up to £5,000 in 2022.

How much do we award?

For 2022 the maximum grant level is £5,000 and the minimum is £500.

Funding Priorities and Criteria

The following criteria will be applied when allocating the community fund in the current funding round:

- Projects must benefit the community of the boroughs of London north of the river Thames, with priority to Camden, Islington and Haringey.
- The project should aim to be completed by the end of June 2023.
- Organisations must be able to provide a copy of their constitution/ governing document/ rules, evidence of a bank account, and most recent annual accounts or financial records. If you do not have financial records that cover a full year, then you will need to provide the records you currently have.
- **Carbon** PUNL's vision is that North London becomes carbon neutral. Projects must have clear aims to reduce carbon.

In addition to the above, mandatory criteria, the project must address at least **one** of the following objectives:

- **Fuel poverty** community groups and organisations can play a key role in the fight against fuel poverty, by helping people access the help they need. We are particularly interested in supporting activities aimed at reducing fuel poverty.
- **Leverage** we welcome applications that will use a small amount of funds to seed something bigger.
- **Community** we are interested in projects that involve your community in the design and delivery of the activities you're planning.

The grant programme can support all costs relating to the project or activity/project, including a contribution to core costs (e.g. core staff costs, office costs), project costs (e.g. venue hire, project worker) and capital costs. The fund encourages applications for the funding of innovative ideas, including pilot projects, as well as for the development and growth of existing projects.

Examples of potential projects:

- The installation of energy efficiency measures in a community project or building.
- Community gardens growing and selling food locally, and promoting a sustainable lifestyle.
- Providing energy related information and support to low income or disadvantaged households.
- Carrying out domestic energy efficiency surveys, or linking residents with relevant council schemes for insulation or heating upgrades.
- Supporting youth employment into renewables.
- Feasibility work for larger projects.

How to apply?

You will need to complete a grant application form.

Timetable

- The fund is open for applications until Friday 22 April 2022.
- A committee member may contact you for further information or to discuss the project in more detail.
- Decisions will be announced by the end of May 2022.

Monitoring and evaluation

At an appropriate time, after the grant has been paid, we will send you a grant monitoring report form. This form asks for details of how the grant was spent and what was achieved including giving some thought to the likely carbon savings from the project.

How we collect and hold your data

The personal information collected via the application form is processed as a necessary part of administering grant applications to Power Up North London. We may use your personal data to help your organisation apply for grants and to assess its application. If a grant is awarded, we will use your personal data to manage and monitor the grant. We will keep your personal data up to date and store it securely. We will keep your data for no longer than is necessary for the purposes as described, or otherwise allowed by law.

More information

For advice on completing the application form please email info@powerupnorthlondon.org