

# **Stroud Town Council Grants and Funding**

## **Guidance for ALL grant applicants: CO<sub>2</sub> reduction**

In December 2018 Stroud Town Council made a resolution declaring a climate emergency and committed to becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2030.

We also made a commitment to seeking ways to facilitate and encourage our community in reducing direct and indirect CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and to become resilient to changes caused by the changing climate. As part of that commitment we introduced our Carbon Reduction fund which specifically addresses climate change.

We would, however, like all grant applicants to help us meet our aims by considering the impact of the projects and activities that we might fund and taking steps to reduce their carbon footprint.

On our grant application form we ask you to explain how your project will help to reduce or minimise CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

To answer this question we would like you to think about issues like:

### **Sustainable transport**

- If you are applying for travel costs have you considered public transport? (Please note that we will not fund air travel.)
- How will you support people who want to walk or cycle to your project or event?

### **Reductions in energy use**

- If you plan to buy new equipment have you considered lower energy alternatives, e.g. LED lighting or battery powered equipment rather than petrol?
- If your project involves building renovations is there an opportunity to install renewable energy generation, e.g. solar panels or to improve energy performance of the building e.g. by reducing drafts, insulating walls, roofs, windows and floors, or by installing more efficient heating systems?

### **Renewable energy sources**

- Have you considered switching to renewable energy contracts?
- If you plan to buy new equipment have you considered alternatives that can be powered by renewables, rather than petrol, e.g. rechargeable battery powered equipment?

### **Production, sale and consumption of locally sourced food**

- If you will be purchasing food and drink have you considered using locally produced or sourced products?

### **Reduction in consumption of animal products**

- Will you offer vegan and/or vegetarian food and drink?

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## Biodiversity and rewilding

- Will there be opportunities to enhance the natural environment, e.g. by planting trees or wildflowers or by making habitat improvements, e.g. installing nest boxes or reducing mowing?

## Waste and recycling

- How will you seek to reduce waste, e.g. could you avoid the use of single use plastics or introduce compostable packaging/containers?
- What arrangements will you put in place for recycling or composting waste?

## Further advice and support

Further advice and support can be found from the following organisations:

[Centre for Sustainable Energy](#) - home energy, local energy

[Julies Bicycle](#) – support for the arts and cultural sector, especially festivals

[Stroud District Action on Plastic](#) (SDAP) – help to eliminate unnecessary single-use plastic

[Transition Stroud](#) – wide variety of local action groups

Although not essential, applications which are able to provide a quantitative estimate of the CO<sub>2</sub> savings which will result from their proposed activity will be favoured.

## Carbon calculators

Links to some carbon calculators:

[National Energy Foundation](#) Good calculator that show calculation, conversation factors and assumptions. Useful for energy and travel impact calculations.

[The Resurgence Carbon Calculator](#) This is a much more detailed calculator that can provide a good insight to the emissions from lifestyle and activities.

[Carbon Trust](#) a range of tools and a calculator for small businesses, but may also be useful for community organisations.