

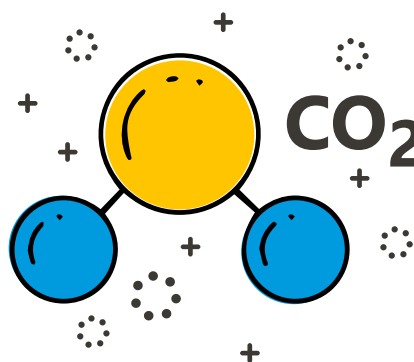
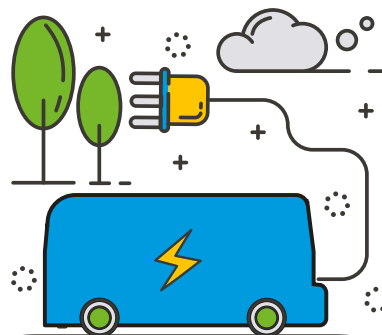
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FOREWORD



This is a vitally important time for Haringey, as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic and continue to work towards a fair and green recovery. On the eve of COP26 in Glasgow, I am happy to announce the launch of the Haringey Community Carbon Fund as part of our roadmap to becoming a net zero carbon borough by 2041.

It is essential that our drive towards net zero carbon is a collaborative effort. We must take a place-based approach, pooling resources, knowledge and strengths. For example, the council can legislate to improve environmental standards and reduce emissions arising from developments within Haringey. The aim is to achieve net zero and low carbon building practices across the board, and we are working on strengthening incentives and disincentives to achieve this.

Where emissions remain too high, offsets are charged, which will enable the council to play a key role in not only developing and enhancing local zero carbon projects but also nurturing local skills and expanding employment opportunities. We will do this by awarding grants to community groups to run decarbonisation projects in the borough. This is a perfect example of the local authority using its statutory powers to invest in grassroots knowledge and invention.

By giving local people the funding and support of the council, we can unlock the talents and creativity of our communities to tackle the climate crisis and ensure a fair and sustainable future for Haringey.

Mike Hakata

**Cllr Mike Hakata
Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, and the Climate Emergency
and Deputy Leader of the Council**

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INTRODUCTION TO HARINGEY

COMMUNITY CARBON FUND

In June 2021, Haringey Cabinet approved the creation of the Haringey Community Carbon Fund (HCCF) to support the delivery of community-led innovative decarbonisation projects that benefit Haringey residents. A total pot of £300,000 is available as part of this four-year community funding programme; with £90,000 available in the first year and £70,000 available in subsequent years.

In the borough's Climate Change Action Plan, we have set out our ambition to become a net zero carbon borough by 2041. The fund will provide increased opportunities to the community to come up with radical and innovative ideas, which will lead to significant cuts in carbon emissions and empower our local community.

The HCCF aims to cultivate these ideas and deliver projects at the grassroots level. Community projects have an emphasis on community design, local engagement, local leadership and local control. They ensure the local community benefits collectively from the outcomes. Our residents and community groups are well-placed to identify, set up and run carbon reduction projects, while developing their skills. Funding will enable organisations to have a wider reach, with more projects to be coordinated and delivered across the borough.

We will award HCCF grants to non-profit organisations based and working in the London Borough of Haringey (LBH). Applications are welcomed and actively encouraged from existing energy and environmental groups and from any community groups looking to carry out a local decarbonisation project.

The HCCF is funded by 'carbon offset' payments that the council requires developers to pay as part of their planning permission when they do not fully meet carbon standards on site when constructing new buildings.

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or email us at:



CarbonManagementTeam@haringey.gov.uk



FUND DETAILS

How much funding is available?

A total amount of £300,000 is available across the four-year funding programme (2021/22 to 2024/25). The first round of funding (2021/22) has a total funding pot of £90,000. Subsequent financial years will have £70,000 available per year.

Every year, the funding pot will be divided into four tiers of grant funding. Community proposals should set out which funding tier they will be bidding for. The tiers will be reviewed annually, but they will, indicatively, be divided into:

- Large grants of up to £50,000
- Medium grants of up to £15,000
- Micro grants of approximately £1,000
- Any unspent funding of the financial year will be rolled over to the next funding year.

When is the deadline for applications?

The bidding period will typically open around November and close around January. Please visit

 www.haringey.gov.uk/community-carbon-fund

for the exact dates to apply by. For more information on how to apply, please read Section 4.

Who will be able to apply?

The funding is available to any eligible community groups that are seeking to reduce their carbon emissions. All bidders will be required to demonstrate that they are a community group or organisation that works for the public benefit and not for profit, and are based in, and/or predominantly active in, Haringey. Individuals must demonstrate they live or work in Haringey. All eligible groups must have financial systems in place to allow for accurate management and transparency of auditing of funds (for example, a treasurer or equivalent and a community group bank account with accountable sign-off procedures).

Groups that bid for the largest grants (up to £50,000) will also have to demonstrate that they:

- Have been constituted for at least three years. This includes charitable trusts, registered charities, community benefit societies, co-operatives, unincorporated associations, community interest companies, community interest organisations.
- Have had auditable bank records over the three years and are able to demonstrate they are financially stable.

Groups that bid for medium grants (approximately £15,000) will have to demonstrate that they:

- Have been constituted for at least one year, or they are sponsored by a constituted community group who will act as a guarantor for over a year.
- Have had auditable bank records over the last year and are able to demonstrate they are financially stable.

Individuals, or community groups that are not constituted, can apply for the micro grants (of approximately £1,000). They could be eligible for larger grants if they are sponsored by a constituted community group, with additional requirements set out above for the medium and large grants.

Applications are encouraged by the following groups: registered charities, community and voluntary groups, co-operatives, faith and equalities groups, community interest companies, social enterprises, tenant management organisations and community benefit societies. If your group or organisation does not fit any of the above categories, please get in touch with us to discuss any options at our email address:

 CarbonManagementTeam@haringey.gov.uk

For any support to ensure your group can qualify for the above criteria (such as to become constituted), please have a look at our commonly asked questions when preparing a bid submission on our website:

 www.haringey.gov.uk/community-carbon-fund

What will the fund cover?

The grants must be spent on projects within Haringey. Bids may request funding for the following aspects:

- Carbon reduction technologies, materials or equipment to deliver or monitor the project.
- Staff and setup costs specifically to deliver the project.
- Project and promotional activities related to the project.
- Contractor costs related to the project.
- Feasibility assessment by qualified professionals to undertake the project (only for micro, and medium grants).

It is expected that the grants may be spent for the following purposes:

- Micro grants of approximately £1,000 – could be spent on any type of small project or piece of equipment to help reduce carbon emissions locally.
- Medium grants of up to £15,000 – could be spent on delivering medium-sized capital projects, or to support the development phase of a community project and get a project ready to be financed. This could include technical feasibility assessments (such as structural surveys), or support to obtain the necessary permits, licences and consents.
- Large grants of up to £30,000 to £50,000 – it is expected that these projects are ready to be implemented and funded, and have completed the feasibility stage(s), so the required funding would be spent on capital expenses only.

What is not covered by the fund?

Due to carbon offset restrictions, bids for the HCCF should predominantly fund a project that will result in carbon reduction savings. In addition, this fund cannot cover the community group's day-to-day organisational overheads (including rent, bills, administration or any staff costs). Only funding for consultancy work or partial, temporary staff costs related directly to the support of this particular project will be considered.

In addition:


- We will only consider reasonable 'contingency costs' on capital projects. If a project is complex and there are clear reasons it might over-run, we may allow for a small contingency request to cover this. If approved, contingency funds may be earmarked and set aside for your project. You would need to keep us informed of progress; why the project is overspending and you would need to justify any request to claim the earmarked funds.
- This fund does not cover regular maintenance of existing equipment. However, retrofit projects to enhance the energy efficiency of existing buildings would be covered by the fund.
- The fund will not be supporting 'nature-based' carbon reduction schemes, such as tree planting.
- While educational activities around energy savings are important, we expect the majority of the funding to be used for direct carbon reduction. Therefore, we will allow the funding of small to large grants for educational and outreach activities which support a carbon reduction project. Only projects applying for the microgrant will be eligible for solely educational and engagement projects or events.

Match funding

Many projects may be eligible for match funding from the government, national/regional

organisations or charitable institutions. We encourage groups to apply for and access match funds from a variety of sources, which may allow for the delivery of larger projects locally. If you are applying for the large grant of up to £50,000, it is recommended to have secured match funding already, or demonstrate that you have submitted application(s) for funding.

Some current funding schemes may currently be running; please note that their project or grant criteria may vary. The Community Energy England website lists up-to-date funding programmes open for applications:

 <https://communityenergyengland.org/pages/funding-opportunities-2>

Partnership Bids

Community groups are encouraged to work together with organisations or companies that are experienced in delivering the carbon reduction project that is being proposed. If you are unsure where to find partners for a specific project, contact the Carbon Management Team by emailing us and we will assist you.

 CarbonManagementTeam@haringey.gov.uk

Any bid applications submitted collaboratively by multiple organisations should select a single lead organisation. The lead bidder will need to submit the application, be able to receive the funding, distribute the funding to other partners and complete project monitoring.



3. WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR IN PROJECTS?

General Principles

Projects must show a demonstrable and measurable carbon saving. This could be achieved by reducing energy bills for a building after insulating it, and/or installing a replacement low-carbon heat source to provide heating and hot water. Carbon reductions could also be achieved through lower carbon transport solutions, such as an e-cargo bike instead of a van.

Community projects must also benefit and engage the wider community in the climate change agenda by promoting the benefits of the project and engaging residents into wider behaviour changes.

Contributing to Haringey's equality objectives is a final important aspect for projects receiving funding. Engagement should take place with a cross-section of Haringey's population, beyond the immediate group who may benefit.

CASE STUDIES

The council has previously provided small grants to community carbon reduction projects. Existing projects to draw inspiration from are included below.

Global Group LED Light Bulb Project

Global Group are a community organisation with strong ties to Northumberland Park. In 2019, they were awarded a £4,500 grant by the council to install 450 LED light bulbs across 250 homes in the area. This project saves up to 72 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year, in addition to reducing energy bills for the residents who participated.

Global Group's surveys of local residents and outreach work also helped engage the wider community in discussions around climate change and energy use, creating a wider positive impact.


EN10energy



En10ergy is a social enterprise that was set up by the Muswell Hill Sustainability Group. It aims to promote and invest in local renewable energy and to encourage and facilitate the reduction in carbon emissions and waste by households, businesses and community buildings. The enterprise has grown and delivered significant carbon reduction since its creation.

En10ergy works with local households, businesses and schools, and has also been involved in negotiating bulk deals with energy suppliers. With 140 investors, of whom most live in the borough, En10ergy has installed solar PV panels in four locations in Haringey; two of these were through community share offers. One of these is Woodside High School, where En10ergy raised £95,000 through a community share offer and used the funds to install 150 solar panels on the sports hall roof. The panels are owned and maintained by En10ergy, who sell the electricity generated to the school at a discounted rate. Overall, this project saves 34 tons of carbon emissions per year, while also saving Woodside High and Riverside School at least £1,400 per year on energy bills.

En10ergy uses the revenue from the solar panel installations to fund work to promote local energy efficiency, for example by running an annual, green open homes event. This year, En10ergy has worked with Living Under One Sun in Tottenham to deliver the Fuelling Empowerment project, which trained seven energy champions who are now advising local people on energy saving.

 en10ergy.org.uk

Wolves Lane



A view of the sun shining onto the glasshouses at the Wolves Lane Centre, framed by trees on either side of the photograph.

The Wolves Lane Centre is a community site currently maintained and managed by the Wolves Lane Consortium, made up of the Ubele Initiative, Crop Drop and OrganicLea. They have developed the site into a thriving community food and nature connection project, with opportunities for community collaboration and involvement in education, enterprise and health and wellbeing activities.

In 2019, donations from the local community, alongside funding from Haringey Council and the Mayor of London, allowed for the installation of solar panels and double glazing for the café. In 2020, funding was secured to develop the site further, including replacing current portacabins with new, better insulated and fit-for purpose buildings; extend the solar PV array; and introduce rainwater storage. The new buildings mostly use natural, low embodied carbon building materials.

 www.wolveslane.org

Lordship Hub



A view of birds flying over the Lordship Hub on a winter's day. The foreground shows snow-covered grass.

Lordship Hub www.lordshiphub.org.uk is a community-run co-operative in the middle of Lordship Recreation Ground, which aims to improve the park and run community events, activities and meetings that encourage the protection of the local environment, the general improvement of Tottenham for all its residents and engagement in cultural and social pursuits.

The Hub was built in 2012, partly through grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund alongside match funding by Haringey Council. It was built to Passivhaus standards, using natural, renewable materials with low environmental impact to create a well-insulated building which requires minimal energy to run and produces part of its own energy. The straw bale construction of the Hub also provided an opportunity for the local community to get involved and was done and supervised by Straw Works, now School of Natural Building, who still regularly use the Hub to deliver courses.

 www.lordshiphub.org.uk

4. APPLICATION PROCESS

General Requirements

Applications must be submitted at www.haringey.gov.uk/community-carbon-fund or emailed to us at:

✉ CarbonManagementTeam@haringey.gov.uk

All applicants must submit and complete the application form and the signed agreement form, alongside any relevant supporting documents (including constitution, insurance documents, equal opportunities policy, bank statement, audited accounts).

Please carefully read the terms and conditions and the eligibility and project criteria to ensure that your application meets the standards required for the grant you wish to apply for.

For further guidance on your application, please attend any Q&A events or contact the Carbon Management Team at:

✉ CarbonManagementTeam@haringey.gov.uk

Sustainability experts

Depending on the technical complexity of the project, your group may need to access the necessary expertise to assess the feasibility and implementation of your project. This may be from in-house expertise, working with a partner, or by hiring external consultants.

If external consultants are required, we will need to know whether at least two quotes have been obtained for services and projects and at least

three quotes for any item/service within the project of over £5,000.

Project plans

All community bids must be submitted with a realistic and worked-out project plan, with a comprehensive delivery timetable, responsible parties for management and delivery, stakeholders, and clear and detailed implementation strategy. It should also include a section of the anticipated risks of project delays or challenges, and how this will be mitigated. Lastly, it should outline how the long-term sustainability benefits of the project will be maintained after the project has been delivered.

Bids which have vague, uncosted or unrealistic project plans are likely to be rejected.

Budget

All bids should provide a budget breakdown of itemised elements of the development work to be funded through the grant and any installation/deployment costs. This must be evidenced through quotes from installer/contractor or quotes from any energy assessors required.



5. BID ALLOCATION PROCESS

Allocation of bids

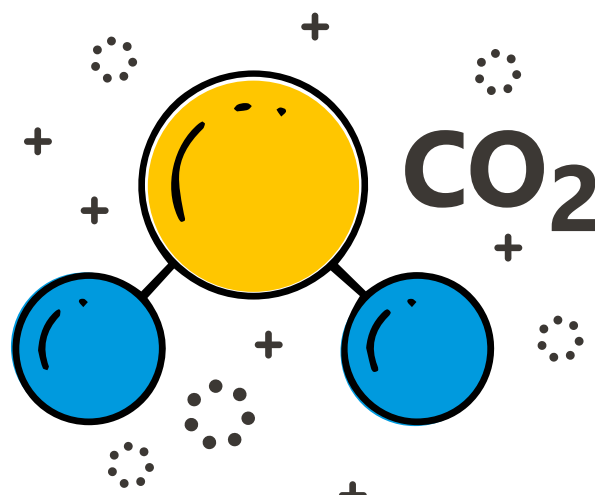
Bids will be reviewed from January to March by officers in the Haringey Carbon Management Team and a panel of council officers and community representatives. Applicants may be asked for further clarifications during that time and will be given two weeks to respond to these requests. Applicants will hear back in March as to whether their bid has been successful and how much funding they have been granted.

Scoring Criteria

All bids will be scored based on a range of weighted criteria and applications should demonstrate that their project meets these criteria. Each one of the criteria will be scored on a basis of 1 to 5. Projects with a higher overall score will receive the grant funding.

Criteria	Questions	Key considerations
Effectiveness of delivering carbon reduction		
Expected reduction in emissions / energy use	How much carbon/energy will be saved? Is this method the most effective way of reducing emissions?	Exact amount/percentage reduction (in tonnes of carbon emissions or kWh of energy use reduction) or predicted renewable energy generation. Has the project shown how these have been calculated and explained any assumptions? Project is an effective application of the given carbon reduction method.
Wider engagement on carbon reduction	How will the project be promoted? How will the wider community be engaged on the topic of climate change and inspired to get involved?	Proposed strategy to promote the carbon reduction benefits of the project. Project support from a diverse range of community members. Opportunity to encourage wider behaviour change to reduce carbon emissions. Will the carbon reduction benefits of the project be secured in the longer term?
Delivery plan and ability to deliver project within timescales		
Project plan	To what extent is there a clear project plan in place, supported by a timetable of milestones, to develop the project? How will progress be monitored? Will the risks be manageable?	Delivery plan clearly sets out delivery requirements, timescales and mitigates risks for delivery on time. Is the project likely to be delivered within 1 to 2 year(s) of funding (large projects have 2 years)? Type of carbon reduction and community engagement monitoring. How will any potential challenges to achieving the objectives be overcome?

Criteria	Questions	Key considerations
Readiness of project	What degree of work has already been undertaken to help establish the viability of the proposal? Does the applicant have the required experience and skills on board to deliver the project?	Thoroughly considered project, avoiding speculative proposals (including completed feasibility for project ready for deployment). Use of expert knowledge in planning or implementation of the project. Experience working with the local community of the proposed project or in delivering type of project.
Value for money and assessment on relevant costs		
Project budget	Are the proposed budget and the associated costs reasonable?	Justification of proposed final budget, its relevance and need to the delivery of the project. Assessment on relevant costs (ongoing project maintenance) to secure its long-term sustainability legacy.
Demonstration of value for money	Are you bringing in any match funding (where applicable)? How do you know your equipment/project costs are the best value?	Has any funding already been raised or committed, if applicable? Demonstration of value for money given the size of the proposed final budget, including multiple quotes for equipment/work where applicable.
Contribution to Haringey's equality objectives and delivery of objectives under the Corporate Delivery Plan		
Community empowerment and cohesion	Does the project demonstrate an ability to support wider community cohesion and wellbeing, equalities, or address other community needs?	Potential to engage and empower the wider community through the project. What wider community needs may be addressed through this project? Will the project result in any jobs creation/retention or upskilling?
Equality, diversity and inclusion	To what extent is equality, diversity and inclusion an integral part of the project?	How will the bid improve equalities in the borough? How does the project ensure the benefits are accessible to minority and/or disadvantaged groups?



Criteria	Questions	Key considerations
Corporate Delivery Plan: Themes	How does the bid contribute to one or more of these themes.	Corporate Delivery Plan Themes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resident experience, participation and collaboration 2. Responding to the climate emergency 3. Children and young people 4. Adults, health and welfare 5. Homes for the future 6. Safer borough 7. Culturally Rich Borough 8. Place and economy
Requirement for permissions and consents		
Permissions	Does the project require planning permission or other consents? If so, have they already been obtained?	Is there consent in principle from the landlord? If bid is for feasibility assessment, permissions may be obtained after this has been completed.

Unsuccessful bids

Bids that are unsuccessful will receive feedback on the reasons why. Community groups may consider re-applying for a revised bid the following year, taking on board the feedback.

Successful bids

Once community groups have been informed whether they have been successful in their bid, final checks will be undertaken and they will be expected to sign the grant agreement. The payment form template must also be completed to receive the funding in a dedicated community group account. These documents can be downloaded separately from www.haringey.gov.uk/community-carbon-fund.



6. IMPLEMENTING YOUR PROJECTS

Payment timescales

For all funding amounts (apart from the micro grants), 50% of the funding will be released at the completion of the Funding Agreement. The remaining 50% of the funding will be released at key milestones of the project plan, to be agreed based on the specifics of each project.

Monitoring

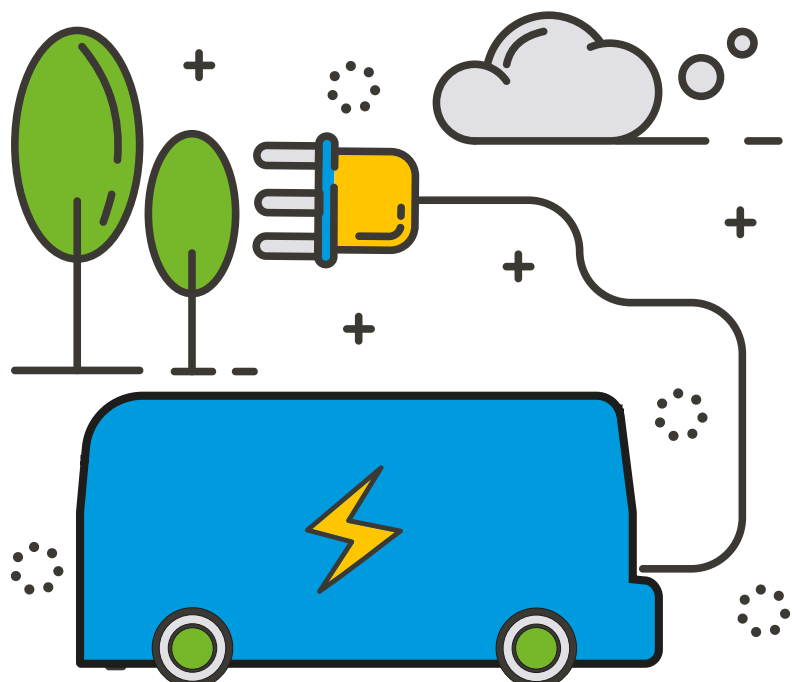
All groups will need to do a self-assessment to monitor the achievements against the project milestones and objectives that will be outlined in your project plan or business plan. This is an opportunity to highlight any successes as well as challenges or difficulties that your community group is facing.

Monitoring will take place during the project to ensure delivery is on track, and once the project has been completed. The self-assessment will be used by a Haringey Council officer during a visit to the project.

Monitoring needs to be accompanied by examples of evidence to demonstrate: the projected/achieved carbon reduction; number of people worked with as part of the community engagement; any changes to the project plan; safeguarding; and updates against the project budget and communications plan.

Final evaluation

As part of the final evaluation after the project is completed, community groups will be asked to write up a case study that can be used as part of the Annual Carbon Report and as part of promotion material about the project, which can be used by the community group as well as the council.

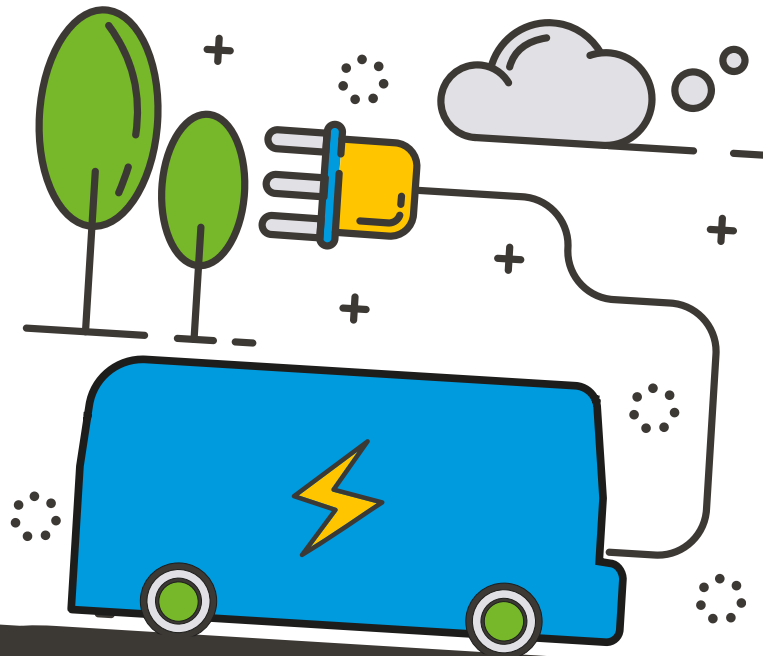


APPENDIX 1: BIDDING AND PROJECT TIMEFRAMES

The table below has been included to specify the bidding and project timeframes for the first round of funding for the 2021/22 financial year.

Carbon Community Fund – Funding Timetable

Date(s)	Event	Description
1 November	Bid period opens	Community groups will be able to submit their applications for funding.
6 November 2023 (afternoon)	First Q&A	In-person events will be held by council officers, giving potential applicants the chance to ask questions and receive information to help their applications. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/haringey-community-carbon-fund-question-and-answer-event-tickets-733554570467 "Eventbrite
16 November 2023 (Evening)	Second Q&A	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/haringey-community-carbon-fund-qa-event-tickets-733560247447?aff=oddtcreator "Eventbrite
14 December 2023 (evening)	Third Q&A	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/haringey-community-carbon-fund-online-qa-event-tickets-733562604497 "Eventbrite
7 January 2024	Bid period closes	Applications for funding will no longer be accepted after this point.
January	Clarification period	Following an initial review, applicants may be contacted for any further project or application details which need clarifying. Applicants will be given limited time to respond to these requests for clarification so the panel can make informed decisions.
January-March	Review of bids	Bids will be reviewed from January-March by officers in the Haringey Carbon Management Team and a panel of council and community representatives.
March 2024	Announcements made/awarding of funding	Applicants will be contacted to let them know whether their bids were successful. Successful applicants will need to sign the legal agreements and funding plan before they begin receiving the grants.
November 2024	Mid-project monitoring and reporting	Projects will have to formally monitor and report their progress against the aims and deadlines set out in their application, including whether they are on track to hit their stated carbon reduction goals.
March 2025-March 2026	Mid-project monitoring and reporting	Projects will have to evaluate and report against their aims, successes and learnings, and provide a case study of their achievements. Medium-sized projects are expected to have completed their project within 1 year; large projects within 2 years.



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