**Who Can Apply**

Funding is targeted at small organisations with charitable aims operating in London. The following groups may apply:

·        Registered charities.

·        Community and voluntary groups.

·        Cooperatives.

·        Faith and equalities groups.

·        Social enterprises.

·        Community Interest Companies (CICs).

·        Community Benefit Societies.

·        Tenants and Residents' Associations, or Tenant Management Associations (TMOs).

·        Housing associations.

·        Schools working with community groups.

Groups are not required to have been involved in energy projects or to be energy or environmental organisations.

**Restrictions**

Funding is not available for retrospective costs.

**Eligible Expenditure**

Projects should cover the following objectives:

·        Save carbon emissions in London.

·        Lead to collective action to reduce, manage and generate energy.

·        Promote community-led development and delivery of energy projects which provide direct benefit to the local community.

·        Empower communities and increase community cohesion and engagement in clean energy and energy saving.

·        Increase community awareness and action on energy and clean energy.

·        Help increase the resilience of communities vulnerable to the impacts of climate change on energy supply.

·        Help with the economic recovery of London through job retention/creation, skills training, work experience or apprenticeships.

**Stream A**

The purpose of Stream A is to help with the development of community energy projects by removing financial barriers to project feasibility. Projects being developed must demonstrate quantifiable carbon savings.

Funding will support a range of works associated with developing a project to the point where it is ready for implementation. This could include:

·        Technical feasibility assessment.

·        Stakeholder consultation.

·        Assessment of planning issues.

·        Staff costs for project delivery.

·        Legal advice.

·        A maximum of 15% of the total grant can be used towards organisational overheads.

Projects must be completed by 31 December 2022.

**Stream B**

Under Stream B, a third of total capital expenditure for a viable project, to a maximum of £50,000, can be applied for. This could include:

·        Purchase of materials (eg energy efficiency measures, heat pumps, solar panels).

·        Installation and project management of the installation.

·        Machine and equipment purchase or hire.

·        PPE or other equipment necessary for safe project delivery.

Projects must be completed by 30 September 2022.

**Stream C**

Stream C will offer grants to support initial assessments that will allow new projects to move on to later feasibility and business case development stages. Funding could support:

·        Mapping and estimating capacity for solar panel installations.

·        Identifying the suitability of renewable energy or energy-saving measures for buildings.

·        Research to identify innovative commercialisation models for a new community energy project.

Pre-feasibility work must be completed by 30 June 2022.

**How To Apply**

**The deadline to apply is 17 November 2021 (5pm).**

It is expected that around 75% of the funding will be allocated by the deadline. However, the fund may remain open after this date to suitable projects on a first-come-first-served basis.

A full funding prospectus and online application form can be found on the Greater London Authority website.