

**Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley & Langley
Parish Council**

Lightsource Community Benefit Fund

INTRODUCTION

The 'Community Benefit Payments' received annually from Lightsource Renewable Energy Ltd, in respect of the two solar farms located within the Parish Council area, are set aside in a separate ring-fenced account to provide funding for clubs, groups or organisations based within the Parish.

Local clubs, societies and organisations are invited to apply for assistance to develop and achieve their respective aims and objectives. The purposes and activities of the club, society or organisation, must be of direct benefit to the community represented by Acton Burnell Frodesley Pitchford Ruckley & Langley Parish Council and must comply with prevailing legislation.

Grants will not be made to individuals or national charities and duplication of funding streams will be avoided. Thus, where funding provision for a particular type of activity is already being made, consideration will not normally be given to applications.

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME (SGS)

The SGS is available to local groups and organisations for grants of £100 or less. It is envisaged that funding will be for revenue purposes e.g. meeting the cost of room hire for an event or the purchase of small equipment items etc.

- An upper limit of £100 is applicable per grant application.
- An application form must be completed in full.
- A decision on an application will normally be made within two calendar months of its receipt.
- Successful applicants must be prepared to participate in any publicity requested by the Administrators.
- Successful applicants must provide a brief outline of the outcomes and benefits to the community, within six months of receiving the grant monies. Failure to comply may result in non-determination of future applications.

LARGE GRANTS SCHEME (LGS)

The LGS is available to local groups and organisations for grants over £100. The Administrators prefer applications for assistance with capital funding needs rather than revenue costs (wages, salaries etc.).

- Applications will be considered for grants of over £100 and will be assessed to ensure compliance with the objectives of the Fund.

Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley & Langley Parish Council

- An application form must be completed in full and must be supported by information about the organisation, a copy of its constitution and a recent statement of audited accounts.
- No application will be considered without supporting financial information.
- Matched funding will be required but, in exceptional circumstances, this stipulation will be waived.
- The Administrators will expect to see evidence of investigation into alternative funding sources and details of funding or promises secured from other national and local sources.
- Revenue funding, if agreed, may be time limited and should not therefore be budgeted by any organisation on an annual basis.
- Successful applicants must be prepared to participate in any publicity required by the Administrators.
- Successful applicants must provide a brief outline of the outcomes and benefits to the community, within six months of receiving the grant monies. Failure to comply may result in non-determination of future applications.

HELP AND INFORMATION

The scheme documentation is currently under review.

If you wish to make a grant application please contact the Clerk, Elizabeth Wicks.

Telephone: 07768 437032

Email: clerk@actonburnellparishcouncil.org.uk