

Application Guidelines

Introduction

Island Energy Group's Purpose is to provide dependable energy, for every generation. This purpose places sustainability at the heart of our business. Our recently launched Sustainability Strategy is a roadmap to how Island Energy Group aims to achieve Net Zero by 2050. The strategy outlines how we shall deliver against our ambitious targets to become a more sustainable and community-focused business.

Our Strategy focuses on four pillars of sustainability to show our long-term ambition for the environment and net zero. Our Pillar 2 is to *Protect our local environment and giving back to our local community*. As part of this pillar and the new strategic direction of our business, we are launching the *Together We Can Fund*. The aim of the *Together We Can Fund* is to support locally based charities, projects and initiatives that benefit the environment and the wider community. Each year, IEG will allocate a total budget of £10,000 to the Fund.

The Process

External applications can be submitted throughout the year - by following the link to the online application on our website - with funding allocations taking place in March and October each year. We would like to invite applicants from residents on each of the islands that we operate - Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey.

Applications can be made for financial support of up to £5,000 per application, or donation of our time and skills. The company's employee led Sustainability Working Group shall run two funding selection rounds. All types of applications will be considered equally provided appropriate justification is given to demonstrate how the project benefits the environment and gives back to local community. The Sustainability Working Group shall score and then vote on each application using a formalised selection criteria.

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£10k

Annual Fund Budget

The criteria shall be aligned to the Group's chosen UN Sustainable Development Goals and four key environmental pillars - *Affordable and clean energy, Climate action, Healthy ecosystems, and Education, awareness and skills*.

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Funding priorities and criteria

IEG is a member of **Support the Goals**, an initiative to rate and recognise the businesses that support the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We mapped the 17 Sustainable Development Goals on their relative importance and significance to our new business strategy and identified four that were of the highest priority to IEG.

The following criteria will be applied when allocating the *Together We Can Fund* or providing time/skill based support from IEG:-

1. The funding and/or other support must be awarded to locally based projects that benefit both the environment and local wider community.
2. The funding and/or other support must be used for projects that align with our 4 priority SDGS as part of the delivery of our Sustainability Strategy:
 - SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy - We shall pursue innovation in energy production to provide sustainable heat and power sources for current and future generations.
 - SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities – We shall prioritise contributing towards making places for the economy, communities and nature to thrive.

- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure – We shall support our local communities to become more resilient and sustainable, including the promotion of sustainable energy and transport systems.

- SDG 13: Climate Action – We shall identify and manage our climate related risks and opportunities and diversify our business into climate adaptations and reducing our Scope 1-3 emissions.

3. Applicants can be individuals or organisations.
4. Individuals that apply must be based in Guernsey, Jersey, or the Isle of Man. Organisations that apply must either be based or managed locally in Guernsey, Jersey, or the Isle of Man.
5. Applications from individuals and organisations that have previously received funding from the *Together We Can Fund* or support from IEG will be considered on their merits.
6. Applicants must have read and agreed to these guidelines, IEG's accompanying *Together We Can Fund* terms and conditions and the requirements of the *Together We Can Fund* form should they wish to be considered for funding or other support.
7. Applicants must read and agree to IEG's Social Media Policy and Privacy Notice.

Timeline for applications 2023

Applications accepted

2nd October 2023 - 16th October 2023

Successful applications notified and funding distributed

Notifications 6th November 2023, funding 13th November 2023

Applying for funding

1. To apply, complete and submit the *Together We Can Fund* application form on the website.
2. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted by IEG's Communications team to discuss the project and arrange a visit if appropriate.
3. Projects should commence and complete within **xx** months of receiving funding or other support (a later completion date may be accommodated, subject to the *Together We Can Fund* terms and conditions and IEG's discretion).
4. Subject to the *Together We Can Fund* terms and conditions and IEG's Social Media Policy and Privacy Notice, if an applicant is successful in receiving funding or other support, IEG would like to receive updates on their project and share photos and content on our social media channels. The successful applicant must let IEG know their social media handles and confirm their express written consent to IEG promoting their project through IEG's marketing and website.

Complete your application form online at
islandsenergygroup.com/Togetherwecanfund