**Community Fund 2024**

**Our Ambitions**

The Ridge Road Energy Community Fund has been created to support local projects and groups located within a three mile radius of the Ridge Road biogas facility, however there is room for flexibility in some circumstances.

We aim to be a positive force in the local community providing economic, social and environmental benefits to the local community in which we operate.

We also aim to work closely with local residents and stakeholders to ensure that local community benefits are seen directly as a result of our support.

**Our Support**

Each year the fund will be open to applications for financial support from eligible organisations within a chosen radius of the biogas facility. A fund of £7,500 per annum will be available for selected projects/organisations who meet the funding requirements. This community fund will be available every year over the operational life of the plant, with new projects and groups being selected each year.

**Key Questions**

**How much is the fund?**

£7,500 will be made available each year.

**What is the area of benefit?**

Any project/organisation within a 3-mile radius of the site, however under exceptional circumstances proposals from projects or groups from over 3 miles away will also be considered.

**Who can apply?**

Locally led and run community organisations or projects

Local schools and colleges

Locally led and run charities

**Application Process:**

Applications to the fund can be made online by using the form below.

**Requirements:**

Funds are only available the purpose of supporting local environmental, educational, amenity or other appropriate, not for profit initiatives within the area.

The recipient of the funds shall not have a commercial interest or derive any commercial/personal financial benefit from the project.

Each applicant must demonstrate its ability to fulfill one, or more of the following objectives:

* Social sustainability
* Environmental sustainability
* Educational promotion

This is to say the benefit to the community must include a tangible and recognisable action or actions, which might be educational, environmental or promote social interaction between or within the community.

**Process:**

* Applications will only be considered by submitting the formal application form.
* All applications must answer every question and section in the application form.
* While there is no minimal level of funding available, each application must demonstrate the amount of supporting funding required.
* Successful applications are required to complete an annual report on progress and achievements.
* Successful applicants can apply for further funds in consecutive years and will be considered in line with other eligible applications.

**Dates:**

* The application process is opened April 2024
* As this is the first year of the community fund, there are no hard deadlines. However, in future years we hope to bring these in so they are in line with other sites.

**Application Form 2024:**

Thank you for your interest in the Ridge Road Energy Community Fund. Before completing this form, please take time to read the Notes of Guidance that are provided.

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| **SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION** |
| **Organisation/Project Details**  | **Secretary/Contact Person Details**  |
| Name |  | Name |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Address |  | Address |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Post Code |  | Post Code |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Telephone |  | Position |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Email |  | Telephone |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Web Address (if applicable) |  | Email  |  |
| **Information about the organisation/project**Please use one of the following categories to describe your organisation/project:  |
|  |  |  | Environmental  |  |  |  | Community Based Group |
|  |  |  | Youth Action/Activity Group |  |  |  | Wildlife/Conservation |
|  |  |  | Drama/Arts |  |  |  | Other |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brief description of the organisation/project. |
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| **What does the organisation/project want to do with the grant and why?**Please give a clear description of the activity, facility or service that will be provided.  |
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| **What do you hope to achieve with this grant and how will it benefit the local community?** |
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| **Which of the following objectives of Ridge Road Energy Community Fund will the grant support?** |
|  |  | Social Sustainability |  |  |  Environmental Sustainability |
|  |  | Educational Promotion |  |  |  |
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| **SECTION 2 – FINANCIAL DETAILS**Please give an indication of the grant sought and financial detail  |
| Amount of grant sought from Ridge Road Energy Community Fund | **£** |  |  |
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| Other sources of funding being sought | **£** |  |  |
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| Total cost sought for the project/organisation | **£** |  |  |
| Please also provide an indicative breakdown of how the funding would be used.  |
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| Please also attach a copy of the organisation/projects yearly accounts to aid in our review process. |
|  | **Signed: Print Name:****Date:** |  |

**Please complete this form and return by email to**

**community.funds@futurebiogas.com**

**or by post to Ridge Road Energy Community Fund, 10-12 Frederick Sanger Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 7YD**

We will acknowledge receipt of your application as soon as possible.