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Safe and Warm Grassroots Communities Scheme application form - 2026 to 2027

Introduction

This is the application form for the Safe and Warm Grassroot Communities scheme. The scheme is managed by the Centre for Sustainable Energy on behalf of three Gas Distribution Networks: SGN, Northern Gas Networks and Wales and West Utilities. Please read through the information for applicants document before completing this application form, available on the CSE website. Two **Information for Applicants webinars will take place, one on Thursday 16th July, 1-2pm**, and one one on **Wednesday 29th July, 1-2pm**. The sessions will have the same content, and you can register for [session one here](#) and [session two here](#).

This form has a save and continue later feature so you don't need to complete it in one go.

If you have any questions about the scheme or this form, please contact safeandwarmcommunities@cse.org.uk

The application deadline is Monday 10th August at 11am.

Basic eligibility

As part of the application process, the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) will collect contact details for the key people from your organisation involved in submitting this application so we can get in touch about the outcome of your application. If you are successful we will use your details to support and liaise with you as your project progresses.

Your data will be stored in accordance with GDPR regulations and we'll keep your data for two years from the application deadline. We will not ask you to share personal details relating to any of your customers or service users.

If you are successful, we will then keep your data for five years after you complete the project.

If you want to find out more about how we use and store your data, please see our [privacy policy](#).

GDPR consent *

I give consent to the Centre for Sustainable Energy to store and process my details for the purpose of applying to and supporting with delivery of the Safe and Warm Grassroot Community scheme.

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Is your organisation legally incorporated? *

Yes

No

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About your organisation

What is your organisation's legally registered name? *

What is your organisation's registered address? *

What is your organisation's registered number? *

Tell us what type of organisation you are (e.g. CIC/society) and whether you are a registered charity. *

When was your organisation formed? *

How many employees (if any) do you have? Are they full or part time?

What is the aim of your organisation? *

Bank account

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Please confirm you can meet these criteria *

Yes, our organisation can meet these criteria

No, we would like to use a partner bank account

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Main contact

This will be the person we contact about the outcome of the application. The email address provided for this contact will receive a copy of your application form once it is submitted.

Role *

If successful, we will need you to provide details of a bank account which meets the following criteria:

- Is in the name of the organisation applying for funding (not a personal account)
- Requires at least two signatures from unrelated people to make a withdrawal
- You are able to provide a statement or paying-in slip showing the account name and account details

This is for CSE's internal checks when issuing grant payments. We will release grant payments when the conditions have been met and will not require successful organisations to raise invoices for their grant payment.

Contact details

Name *

Email address *

Phone number *

Secondary contact

This should be a director or trustee, with the authority to sign a grant agreement on behalf of the applicant organisation. We will also inform them if your application is successful.

Your final project report also needs to be signed off by this person so that we have assurance that your project will be delivered as planned and that reporting is accurate.

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Name *

Please confirm your project is located within one of the three Gas Distribution Network's areas (SGN, WWU, NGN) network area.

You can check this using the ['Find my GDN' website](#).

Please confirm which Gas Distribution Network(s) you operate within: *

SGN

WWU

NGN

Please tell us the postcode area/s your project will operate in *

About your project

Please briefly summarise the purpose of your project e.g. "We plan to..... in order to....." (250 words maximum) *

0/250

Which of the following types of support will you deliver as part of your project? (select all that apply) *

In-person advice

Telephone advice

Online advice e.g. via email or Whatsapp

Home visits

Outreach at local events and venues e.g. foodbank

Group advice/support sessions

Other

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Email address *

Project outcomes

Phone number *

If you are planning on supporting households to access fuel vouchers, please tell us how you plan to do this.

We already have fuel vouchers we can distribute

We plan to use this funding to purchase fuel vouchers to distribute (if selecting this option, please refer to the application pack, and include this in your budget breakdown)

We plan to refer/signpost households to other support services distributing fuel vouchers

Will you be providing support to clients in any other way, not listed above?

If you also plan to provide frontline worker training to other organisations, please tell us how many people you expect to train and who they are (e.g. type of organisation).

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Do you currently host a 'Warm Space', or plan to become one? This is a community space people can access for free to stay warm in winter. *

Yes currently, and registered (e.g. with Warm Welcome)

Yes currently, and unregistered

Not currently, but planning to be in winter 2026

Not currently, and no plans

Organisational capacity

Tell us about your organisational capacity to deliver this project. Who will be involved and what experience and time can they offer? *

What is the total cost of your project, including match funding (if applicable)? Please provide details of any match funding – who is it from and whether it is already secured. *

Please provide a brief budget break down (e.g. key activities and associated costs). Make sure you factor in time for reporting, management and overheads. *

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Geographic eligibility

Reporting

How much funding are you applying for from the scheme? You will need to enter this in numeric format e.g. 14,000 *

Please look at the guidance for applicants document for more information about this.

Please let us know if you will be recruiting new staff or volunteers to deliver this project, and what your timeframe is for training them if this is required?

Final project declaration

Please tell us what your planned timeline would be if you were successful in receiving funding. This includes explaining any set up activities you will need to undertake (and the timeframe for this). Set up activities include for example recruitment and training of staff/volunteers. Please refer to the application pack for detail on project timeframes.

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What is the total number of households you intend to support through this project? e.g. support that is tailored to a household's needs (not the total number of leaflets you plan to print/newsletters to send out in order to engage them). You will need to enter this in numeric format e.g. 250 *

Please provide a breakdown of the number of households you will support, against each of the target outcomes on the left column. We expect you to have a target for outcomes with an asterisk* which is realistic for your organisation. You may also support households with the other outcomes listed in the table. Please read the definitions of what activities contribute to each outcome in the application pack before completing this table.

Number of households supported through the project
(through direct advice provision & referrals to other services)

Energy triage (total households reached)*

Energy behaviour change*

Carbon Monoxide safety information and alarm provision*

Priority Services Register conversations*

Welfare benefits - income maximisation

Debt management - income maximisation

Energy funding - income maximisation

Grant applications - income maximisation

Tariff switching - income maximisation

Fuel voucher provision

Keep Warm Packs

Small energy efficiency measures

Digital skills support

Wellbeing support

Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) Safe and Well

Visit referrals

Locking Cooker Valve referrals

Other ways in which you will support the community (please tell us more in the box below)

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We expect the average cost per household interaction to be around £78 per household. If your average cost per household is higher or lower than this average, please describe why.

How many referrals do you expect to make and which organisations will you refer people to? (if applicable)

Please note that the number you have put for each outcome will form the basis of your grant agreement. Delivery of them will contribute to fulfilling the funding requirements and therefore receiving your funding payments. Please make sure that your targets are realistic. *

I understand this.

Is there anything else you'd like to let us know about your project?

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Project budget

Cost to deliver

How will you record customer interactions and provide high level data* in monthly reporting to CSE? (Please refer to the guidance document for more information on this). *

*"High level data" means aggregated data. We will not ask you to provide individual customer data although you may be required to provide anonymous detailed customer records so CSE can audit your internal record keeping as part of due diligence checks for project reporting.

Is there anything we can do to make this funding scheme more accessible for you to take part in?

Which of the following areas would you be interested in training and information on, if your funding application is successful? Please note that carbon monoxide training will be provided as standard to all successful applicants.

- Tariff switching options
- Low carbon technology
- Smart energy
- Relevant policy changes
- Fuel poverty awareness

- Signposting and referring to other support services
- Accessing benefits eligibility checks
- Accessing debt advice
- Accessing fuel vouchers
- Energy funding schemes
- Other

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By applying to the Safe and Warm Grassroot Community Scheme, you agree to (if successful): *

- Submit progress reports on a monthly basis and complete final reporting requirements including a survey.
- Provide anonymous detailed clients records for an audit, if requested by CSE.
- Understand that final payment depends on successfully meeting grant agreement targets.
- Join our network of funded organisations and actively contribute to sharing learning and best practice, through attendance at CSE-organised networking and training.
- Join meetings with CSE to discuss project delivery and reporting, as and when is needed.
- Ensure that a named person in the organisation (e.g. director, trustee) can assure your project is delivered as planned and that reporting is accurate.
- Confirm that funding will only be spent on delivery of advice, support, fuel vouchers and warm pack items - not energy efficiency measures and home improvements e.g. draughtproofing materials, electric heater.
- Share case studies, photos and quotes where possible to support marketing and publicity.
- Where relevant, share events for the GDN or CSE to attend to see your work in action and publicise the fund.
- Ensure external communications are clear and include relevant GDN branding.
- Provide feedback and input to help shape the scheme.
- Receive a monthly newsletter from CSE with resources, training, information from the scheme.