

Good Energy community funds and responding to Covid-19

Dear Fund Administrator,

Firstly, I hope that you are well and staying safe.

Covid-19 is having a huge impact both locally and globally, and we understand that at this time your community will be facing its own significant challenges. I want to reassure you that Good Energy are fully committed to your Community Benefit Fund and that donations will continue to be transferred via our community benefit fund partner GrantScape, and within the normal timeframes.

We would also encourage you at this time to consider if you might utilise the donations where there are urgent and critical needs from within your own local community.

As such we would be happy to consider applications for funding that is COVID related:

- Financial support to a local NHS service, or charity, which may also deliver community services outside the funds designated area of benefit.
- Diversion of some of the money into a local emergency fund.
- Fast tracking projects without the need for them to complete a full application or wait until a published closing date.
- Relaxation of other criteria, for example, awarding grants above the maximum normal level.

This list is not exhaustive, and Good Energy is fully supportive of allowing you the flexibility to ensure the fund is used in the most appropriate way at this challenging time.

We are, therefore, offering a temporary suspension to any terms set out in the Community Fund Agreement which may prevent you from considering all options that can support the community and its response to COVID and is intended to last for the duration of the pandemic.

Good Energy is keen to promote positive community news stories at this time, as it feels that this is important for our society to feel that communities are pulling together, and they are part of a stronger community now. Please keep Matt Young at GrantScape and Adam Wentworth (adam.wentworth@goodenergy.co.uk) at Good Energy informed of anything you are planning with the funds and we will look to help promote and support in any way we can.



Any changes should, of course, be properly accounted for, and recorded with your existing governance arrangements.

If you have any other direct questions or concerns relating to the crisis or use of the Community Fund, please contact Matt directly (matt.young@grantscape.org.uk; 01908 247635).

Yours sincerely,

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