##### INTERLINK SMALL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

##### AUTUMN/WINTER GRANT SCHEME 2023

Grants of up to £1,000 are available for community groups to fund projects that show strong community involvement and help bring people and communities together. These projects are supported by funds generated from the Graig Fatha Wind Farm located near Coedely, which is operated by Ripple Energy.

**Your application should show how your project will support one or more of the following criteria:**

* Show how you work together with other groups in your community; for example, to provide and promote a wider range of information and advice to the community.
* Supporting coproduction and community involvement, involving people and those with lived experience to be involved and have a voice.
* Provide ongoing support to people of all ages and abilities to keep safe, warm, fed and connected and with the cost of living generally.
* Improve accessibility and transport to activities and facilities, including those with mobility issues and people with disabilities.
* Projects or activities supporting children, young people and families.
* Planned Seasonal activities – which encourage community involvement
* Provide cost of living and other information and advice to your community; for example, how to manage money, how to maximise their income, how to cook on a budget.
* Help people access low cost food.
* Help with fuel poverty or improve energy efficiency in your community building.
* Projects which encourage communities to tackle climate change and make use of outdoor spaces
* Support people with access to information technology, such as SIM cards, putting in phone chargers, setting up Wi-Fi, etc…
* Volunteers' expenses, rewards and recognition.
* Support not for profit community level trading and enterprise.
* Quality assurance schemes such as Cultural Competency, Trusted Charity or Investing in Volunteers. You must provide evidence of registration in the scheme.

**Please note the following conditions:**

* Grant applicants will normally be expected to meet with a member of the Interlink RCT Community Advice Team before submitting their application*.*
* Projects should not stigmatise people, and people should not have to provide evidence of need (unless required by an external funder).
* Relevant policies must be in place, and if needed, adopting them will be a condition of award. Support is available to write these if you don’t already have them*.*
* Any funded activities must be promoted on Connect RCT (we can help with this too!)
* We only fund groups that are members of Interlink RCT, which must be not for profit organisations. Activities must take place in RCT.
* We fund Community Interest Companies (CIC’s) but the fund does not cover salaries or payments to Company Directors*.*

**ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION**

**Please complete the form below with details of your organisation**

**Your group must have a bank account in the name of the organisation to be eligible for this grant.**

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| You should speak with a member of our Community Advice Team before submitting your application. Please tell us who you spoke to: |
| Is your organisation a member of Interlink RCT? | Yes/No |
| Do you have a bank account in the name of the group? | Yes/No |
| **Do you have the following policies in place:** |
| **Finance Policy** | Yes/No |
| **Equal Opportunities Policy** | Yes/No |
| **Health & Safety Policy** | Yes/No |
| **Environmental or Sustainability Policy** | Yes/No |
| **Safeguarding Policy** | Yes/No |
| If you don’t have the above policies in place, please contact us.Further help and advice is available from our Community Advice Team atcommunityadvice@interlinkrct.org.uk  |

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| What is the name of your organisation? |  |
| Contact name: |  |
| Organisation address: |  |
| Postcode: |  |
| Contact telephone number: |  |
| Contact email address: |  |
| Please tell us a little bit about your organisation (max. 200 words): |
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**ABOUT YOUR PROJECT**

**Please tell us about the project you are requesting funding for**

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| What is the name of your project? |  |
| Please tell us about the project that you are requesting funding for, e.g. how the need was identified, who it will benefit, how long it will run for. |
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| How much would you like to apply for from the Small Grants scheme? |  |
| Please provide a **breakdown** of how the grant would be spent, please ensure that you provide some detail for each element; for example:**Not enough detail** **Detail required**Transport costs❌      Mini bus hire to/mileage costs ... at a cost of £x✅Food ❌              Refreshments & Snacks for 30 people for 12 weeks at a cost of £✅Venue Hire ❌      Room Hire @ £ for 12 weeks of activities ✅ |

**AUTHORISATION**

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| * I confirm that I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the organisation.
* I declare that the information in this form is correct.
* I agree to provide any information as requested to help Interlink RCT evaluate and promote the grant scheme.
* I understand and agree that any grant awarded may be withdrawn or reclaimed, if any of the information provided by our organisation proves to be false or incorrect.
* I agree to follow any conditions included in the grant acceptance form.

**Name:****Position in Organisation:****Signed:****Date:** |

**Please return this application form to:** grants@interlinkrct.org.uk.

If you need any help or information regarding completing your application, please email us grants@interlinkrct.org.uk or call 01443 846200.