Dogger Bank Operator fund

**What is the Operator Fund?**

Operator grants are intended to help small local groups near to the Dogger Bank construction and operation sites in Port of Tyne, South Tyneside and Cottingham, East Riding. The funds of up to £500 can help groups who need small amounts of support to pursue their objectives.

**Who can apply?**

The fund is only open to community groups who have a constitution.

**What can grants be used for?**

Community-focussed or charitable activities which:

• enhance quality of life for local residents;

• contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities; and/or

• promote community spirit and encourage community activity

**What cannot be supported**

• Project which do not support people within East Riding of Yorkshire or South Tyneside.

• The advancement of religion or politics (including requests to support the core activities of religious or political groups)

• The purchase of firearms

• Costs of energy consumption (instead we encourage funding to be used to provide energy efficiency measures which help reduce energy consumption)

• The repayment of loans or payment of debts

• Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before we have made a decision on an application (retrospective funding)

• Payments towards areas generally understood to be the primary responsibility of statutory authorities

• Anti-wind farm/renewable energy activities, including activities contrary to the interests of SSE and its subsidiaries

**Who can apply?**

Community groups seeking a constructor grant should complete the short application form (a template is attached to this guidance).

**Where to apply?**

**Please send your completed constructor grant application form to** **lindsay.dougan@sse.com** **.**

A panel of representatives from the Dogger Bank Wind Farm and local stakeholders consider applications once a quarter.

Dogger Bank Wind Farm will inform you by letter or email on the outcome of your application as soon as possible, but the timescale can be up to three months – this depends on when the panel meet.

grant application

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| **Name of group** |  |
| **Contact address** |  |
| **Contact email** |  |
| **In which local authority area does your group work?** |  |
| **Do you have a constitution?** |  |
| **What was your groups income and expenditure in the last year?** |  |
| **Please describe the project you are looking for funding for?**Suggested word limit 150 words |
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| **How will the project help the community?**Suggested word limit 150 words |
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| **How much funding are you looking for?** |
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| Total project cost |  |
| Grant request amount |  |

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| **Will you be contributing any of your own funds to the projects or undertaking local fundraising to help meet the costs?** |
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| **Please confirm you have included:** |
| A bank statement from the community groups in the last three months | Yes [ ]  No [ ]   |
| A copy of the group’s constitution  | Yes [ ]  No [ ]   |

**Declaration**

By submitting this application form you certify that the information contained in this application is correct, and that if you are awarded a grant, you will use it only for the purposes described above. You understand that decisions made by the panel are final.

**Data protection**

SSE Renewables, on behalf of Dogger Bank Wind Farm, will use the information you give us to help assess your application and administer any grant we award you. We may also use it to analyse our grant-making and for our own research. We may give copies of this information to individuals and organisations we consult when assessing applications, when monitoring grants and evaluating our programmes.

We will hold the information you provide on this form for the life of the wind farm if you are successful in receiving an award, otherwise we will hold the information you provide for a period no longer than three years if the application is unsuccessful. This information will be used for monitoring purposes, such as reporting, to identify repeat applicants and also for legal requirements such as money laundering regulations.

Signed:  Date: