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, Wilton, Redcar and Cleveland and Cottingham, East Riding. The funds of up to £1,000 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 and an annual turnover below £100,000. Please note that schools are not eligible to apply but we do accept applications from Friends of groups or Parent Teacher Associations that are constituted.

**What can grants be used for?**

Community-focused 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, Redcar and Cleveland 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

**How to apply?**

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

**Where to apply?**

**Please send your completed application form to** **kado@equinor.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** |  | |
| **Contact phone number** |  | |
| **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?** | | |
| **Total project cost** | | **£** |
| **Grant request amount** | | **£** |
| **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**

Equinor, 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. Please read our [Data Protection Privacy Notice](https://www.equinor.com/about-us/privacy-policy) before applying for funding.

Signed:  Date: