



# SHIRE Community Climate Change Grants

Applications are now open for projects looking to improve the energy efficiency of community buildings in Leicestershire (not Leicester City or Rutland) and make local environmental changes to help reduce carbon emissions.



**New  
scheme  
rules apply**

## Who can apply?

- ✓ Parish and town councils
- ✓ Local community groups
- ✓ Faith groups and charities
- ✓ Village/community building management committees

## Grant support might include:

- ✓ EPC (energy performance certificate) or DEC (display energy certificate) of community buildings
- ✓ Installation of energy efficiency measures such as new heating systems, roof or cavity wall insulation or low energy lighting
- ✓ Installation of renewable energy systems

[leicestershire.gov.uk/community-grants](https://leicestershire.gov.uk/community-grants)

## How much is available?

A maximum grant of £5,000 per applicant is available for projects in any one financial year, subject to a valid EPC or DEC report.

- 75% of the cost of an accredited EPC or DEC
- Either 20% or 50% towards the cost of the installation projects\* or energy efficient measures

\* Applications for practical projects to replace existing equipment in buildings such as gas boilers or standard double glazing will not be offered more than 20% towards the cost of the project.

## Funding deadlines

The grant scheme consists of three rounds of funding. To be eligible for a grant in the first round you must apply before Friday 30 June 2017. Further rounds close on Monday 30 October 2017 and Wednesday 28 February 2018.

For application forms and further information, please visit the website below, contact **Nailesh Ramaiya** on **0116 305 8111** or email [nailesh.ramaiya@leics.gov.uk](mailto:nailesh.ramaiya@leics.gov.uk)

## Case Study

### *Blaby Methodist church*

*Blaby Methodist church is a small multipurpose church.*

*“In September 2016 we received a grant to replace the old heaters in the hallway. The heaters had become noisy and inefficient and one was not safe to use as it was over heating and melting the electric parts inside the heater.*

*The climate change grant gave us 50% of the cost to be able to make the repairs. These new heaters are far more efficient than the old ones and warm the room much quicker so we are not using as much gas.”*

**Ann Lowther**  
Property Secretary