Appendix 6 – Sustainable Communities Grant

The Sustainable Communities Grant helps communities and businesses in North Hertfordshire to take action on sustainability and climate change. Projects will seek to increase biodiversity; reduce emissions of buildings by installing low carbon heating options or improving energy efficiency; reduce reliance on fossils fuels in transport; or increase community engagement on sustainability and climate change. This work will support the council priorities of Sustainability and Thriving Communities.

Investment priority

- Communities and Place
- Supporting Local Business
- People & Skills

Theme

- Healthy, Safe and Inclusive communities (E3, E13 sub theme)
- Inclusive – Bringing communities together, tackling homelessness (E2, E9, E11, E12)
- Support for Business
- Skills

Sub-theme

- Healthy: Improves health and wellbeing
- Inclusive: Bringing communities together, tackling homelessness
- Advice and support to business
- Employment related skills

Intervention

E3 Creation of and improvements to local green spaces
E13 Community measures to reduce the cost of living

E2 Community & neighbourhood infrastructure projects
E9 Impactful volunteering and/or social projects
E11 Capacity building & infrastructure support local groups
E12 Community engagement schemes, local regeneration

E29 Supporting decarbonisation whilst growing the local economy

E39 Green skills courses
E40 Retraining support - high carbon sectors

Output

OP2 - Amount of green or blue space created or improved
OP5 - Number of amenities/facilities created or improved
OP6 - Number of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed
OP7 - Total length of new or improved cycle ways or foot paths
OP12 – Number of local events activities or events supported
OP18 Number of people receiving support to gain employment
OP20 Number of people retraining
OP23 Number of households receiving support

OP24 Number of households supported to take up energy efficiency measures
OP27 Number of volunteering opportunities supported

Money required Revenue or Capital.

£100,000 Revenue
£60,000 Capital

NB: These amounts could be scaled up or down depending on how the rest of the SPF allocation is planned to be spent.

Conditions
This work cannot be completed by existing staff resources. It is therefore imperative that we use additional resource and recommend that a graduate is placed within the Policy & Strategy Team from April to implement this grant fund with assistance from the Policy & Strategy Team and the Climate Change and Sustainability Project Manager. Both graduates have informally expressed an interest in a placement with our team previously.

This information was provided by the Policy & Strategy Team.