



Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Fund

Frequently asked questions

How do I apply to the fund?

Please visit www.clocaenog.cymru to find an application form as well as guidelines. We highly recommend contacting the Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Fund Manager or a Community & Voluntary Support Conwy (CVSC) officer before completing or submitting an application.

When is the closing date for applications and how many rounds of funding will there be each year?

You are invited to submit your application whenever it is ready and it will be accessed at the next panel meeting. Please don't rush your application, you are more likely to be successful if you take your time to complete a high quality of submission. The local panel will meet to make decisions about application four times a year.

Is my project in the right location to be eligible to apply the fund?

Please visit www.clocaenog.cymru to view the full area of benefit for the fund where you can see if your project is based within one of the eligible zones.

What is the difference between zones?

Applications to Zone 1 will be prioritised, no sound application to the Priority Local Zone 1 will lose out at the expense of the wider zones 2 and 3. Essentially the communities closest to the site will be the first priority.

In the first funding round Zone 2 & 3 projects will be assessed equally by the local panel.

There is no prescribed split of funds across the zones however the panel will be monitoring the fair spread of funding across the area of benefit and the different zones. The zone may also be used in the future to provide additional flexibility in terms of how the funding is delivered for example: funding guidelines could be adjusted for different zones.

How were the guidelines for the fund developed?

RWE listened to the views of over 500 people during a 2018 consultation and those results were used to shape the final structure of the fund. CVSC were appointed as fund administrators following a rigorous tender exercise.

CVSC then went on to recruit a decision making panel of local people. The decision making panel have worked with CVSC and with strong reference to the 2018 consultation results to develop and agree the fund guidelines. As well as decision making the panel will have an important role steering the future direction of the fund.

My project falls within the overlap area with Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Fund – what do I need to do?

Any applications for standalone projects in this area should be submitted to the Gwynt y Môr Community Fund and subject to the relevant criteria.

This area can however be included in any Clocaenog area of benefit wide or Hiraethog wide applications and in this instance the whole application would be submitted to the Clocaenog Community Fund and subject to the relevant criteria.

For further advice please contact either the Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Fund Manager or the Gwynt y Môr Wind farm Community Fund Manager to discuss your project and whether it would be appropriate to make an application.

My projects is based outside the area of benefit but delivers almost all of its activities to people living within the area of benefit, can I apply?

Please contact the Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Fund Manager to discuss your project and whether it would be appropriate to make an application.

What do I do if I need help with developing my application?

Please contact the Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Fund Manager or a CVSC funding officer to discuss and they will be able to refer you to the relevant people who can assist.

When will the fund open for business's to apply?

We aim to open the fund for micro business's to apply in 2021.

What type of initiatives are business's likely to be able to apply to the fund for?

The panel are in the process of developing the criteria for micro businesses.

Who will make decisions?

A volunteer panel of local representatives has been recruited who will make all decisions about funding applications. The aim was to ensure the panel is as mixed and diverse as possible with a broad representation of representatives based on geography, background, ages experience etc. The local panel will also be involved in shaping the future direction of the fund.

Can I become involved in the panel in the future?

If a seat becomes available on the panel, CVSC will advertise the position on www.clocaenog.cymru and on social media.

When will I know if my application has been successful?

The panel will be meeting every quarter. The Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Fund Manager will contact you with the panel's decision after the panel meeting, this will be by post or email.

How will I find out about which projects have been awarded funding?

Please visit www.clocaenog.cymru where all updates about the fund will be published. You can also find the fund on Facebook @ClocaenogCF and Twitter @ClocaenogCF.

When will the funding end?

This is a long term funding opportunity, RWE renewables has committed to delivering this fund throughout the lifetime of the wind farm, which we expect to be up to 25 years.

If my application gets rejected can I re-apply for funding?

You will get feedback on your project and why it was rejected. If you feel that you can develop your project and re-apply then contact the Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Fund Manager for a discussion.