

Rules for Applications to Stockport Hydro Ltd Environmental Challenge Fund 2021

Stockport Hydro welcomes applications for grants available from their Environmental Challenge fund. Funding is available for just under £7,000 for projects which will benefit the local community and take place within the SMBC boundary. Projects must have an environmental focus and can be of a community or co-operative nature.

Eligibility for application for a grant

- Applicant: must be over 18 and have authority to apply on behalf of the organisation.
- Application: on behalf of a registered charity, trust, educational establishment, club or association. Must have a written constitution and bank account.
- Benefits of the project must be easily identifiable, sustainable and with clear aims.
- Longer term projects: Stockport Hydro will require regular updates.
- Location: within SMBC boundary.

Time-scale:

- Closing date for applications: 31st Jan 2021.
- Applicant notified whether successful: March 2021.
- The award cheque must be cashed within 3 months of award.
- All work should be completed by 1st of August 2021

Requirements, Stockport Hydro Ltd will:

- allocate each application with a contact from Stockport Hydro, who will sponsor the Project, liaise with the applicant and be a link to ensure the project and The Hydro benefit from any publicity.
- monitor the project and **require proof of expenditure.**
- require the right to refer to projects in our own publicity, and to be named in applicant's publicity.
- require sign-off of any materials produced or used to promote the use of the grant, in which we are named.

Grants will be made at the sole discretion of the Board. In event of unsuccessful applications, Stockport Hydro will endeavour to (but be under no obligation to) provide feedback.

Sample projects:

- Create resources to support environmental or ecological education.
- Biodiversity improvements: e.g. a garden/outside area benefiting a community.
- Installation of recycling facility to benefit a community or the users.
- Producing resources to support communication of project or environmental aims.
- Installation of bat boxes/bird boxes/wildlife refuges etc.
- Develop resources for community enterprise projects within schools.
- Support organisers of community activities with an environmental focus.
- Projects to engage socially isolated groups in environmental activities
- Provision of interpretive boards and facilities for public spaces

5. Information about the Project/Activity: What are you hoping to achieve?

6. Who will benefit from this award (e.g. local residents, young people, older people)

7. How will they benefit?

Amount requested:

Please note that Cheques must be cashed within 3 months.

Please explain how this would be spent:

8. If your application is successful, please state who you would like the cheque made payable to:

Bank account details:

9. Timescale of this project

Start Date:

Finish Date:

Or is it ongoing?

10. How did you hear about this award?

Declaration

Yes I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation and I certify that the information contained in this application is correct

Yes If the information changes in any way I will inform Stockport Hydro accordingly.

Yes I give permission for Stockport Hydro to contact my organisation and/or myself by phone, mail or e-mail with information about its activities and funding opportunities and our details can be used for promotional purposes should this request be successful

Yes We will use this award for the proposed project/activities stated in our application.

Yes We will provide appropriate proof of expenditure to Stockport Hydro within 6 months from the award being made.

Signed:

Date:

Completed forms can be emailed to: info@stockport-hydro.co.uk

or posted to: Laurence Jackson, 7 Fairfax Close, Marple, Stockport SK6 6HH

Closing date for applications: **31 January 2021**

Please note applications received after this date will not be accepted.