



ALTON TOWN COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SMALL GRANTS POLICY 2024/25

Alton Town Council has a one-off Climate Change Fund designed to assist local organisations and groups to achieve modest aspects of a decarbonisation programme.

A sum of £10,000 in total is available each year, beginning on April 5th, and applications for up to £1,000 may be submitted throughout the year. Higher grants can be considered by exception. Please apply via the attached form to Alton Town Council Climate Change Committee, which meets four times a year (dates can be obtained from www.alton.gov.uk). Applications will be considered on a first come first served basis until such time as all the funding is allocated. Please submit applications three weeks before the Climate Change Committee meeting date. Applicants may apply once in any 12-month period and not retrospectively.

1. Applicants may only apply once in any 12-month period and applications may not be made retrospectively.
2. In general, grant awards are not made to educational establishments or religious organisations unless the particular project or event is for the benefit of the whole community.
3. All grant applications should demonstrate that they will achieve a reduction of carbon emissions and improvements in biodiversity and carbon sequestration, within Alton.
4. Grants will be awarded to recognised organisations, voluntary and local groups which are 'not for profit' or are charitable, and not to individuals.
5. Grant applications will be considered on their own merit and awards of £1,000 or less are at the discretion of the Alton Town Council Climate Change Committee. Grants of over £1,000 will be ratified by full council.
6. Applicants will need to support their application by submitting a copy of their constitution or rules and accounts for the previous year.
7. Applicants whose organisation works with young people under the age of 18 will be required to submit a copy of their Child Protection Policy.
8. It is a condition of an offer of a grant that acknowledgement is made by the receiving organisation in its literature, posters or programmes for example. This should be a statement such as "Supported by Alton Town Council" or similar.
9. Any funds not spent for the purpose given must be returned to the council.

APPLICATION CRITERIA: Please demonstrate at least two of these criteria:

To promote, encourage or support reduction of carbon emissions or improvements in biodiversity and carbon sequestration in Alton through:

- Retrofitting community buildings
- Community involvement in environmental and carbon reduction activities
- Street/ open spaces infrastructure to help to create a greener and safer environment
- Providing carbon sequestration through re wilding areas, and/or planting trees/hedges etc.

Other bodies that may be approached for climate change grant aid are:

- East Hampshire District Councillors individual grant allocations up to £1,000;
- Hampshire County Councillor individual grant allocation;
- Veolia Environmental Trust;
- South Downs National Park;
- EHDC Community Climate Action Fund;
- ATC Community Fund Grant up to £10,000;
- The Alton Society;
- Alton Lions;
- Hampshire County Council Leaders Community Fund.
- Sport England
- National Lottery