

Changing our world for the better
Project by project

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Want to do something about climate change?

Your wish could be granted

FEL Climate Hub brings people together to make simple changes that can have a powerful positive effect on the future of their communities and our planet.

We can help you do that in many ways.

Right now, we can get your climate project up and running with seed grant funding.

If you're part of a community organisation or group in the Forth Valley or the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park area (excluding Argyll), you can apply for a grant of between £250 and £1,500 to kick-start a project that will help address climate change locally.

We're open to applications from community councils, groups, trust and organisations, charities, and Community Interest Companies.

To qualify for seed grant funding, your project must have one or more of the following aims:

- Making your community more aware of climate change and its effects
- Building climate-focused partnerships between community groups
- Helping your community come up with new ways of taking action on climate change
- Giving local people a stronger voice in calling for climate action
- Supporting your community in creating a fairer, more sustainable future

If you're not sure where your project fits, talk to us about it. We're here to show you what's possible and help you figure out what works best for you.

Then we can work together to make positive change happen. If your grant application is successful, you can ask for our help in designing and delivering your project.

Interested?

Here's what you need to do next.

You can apply any time between 17 November 2023 and 10 February 2024.

We look at proposals every two weeks, so you can expect to hear back from us between 2-4 weeks after you apply.

Your project needs to have one or more of the five aims listed above, and we also want it to make eco-friendly choices, travel smart and be positive for people, as well as the planet.

That means:

Go green!

- Think about the environment every step of the way
- Use local, recycled or second-hand items wherever you can
- Make sure products are kind to the planet, and consider their lifespan
- Remember plant-based foods are a low-carbon choice and culturally accessible to all
- Choose local food sources

Move sustainably!

- Walking, wheeling, trains and buses are all great options
- We can't fund flights, but might consider taxis or petrol costs in special cases

Be fair!

- Be positive, inclusive and promote social fairness
- Do no harm

What our seed grants cover

The project costs you can use your grant to pay for include hiring venues to host events, catering, marketing and promotion, material supplies, travel costs (except flights) engagement tools, volunteer costs, training costs, research into community opinion.

If your application is successful, you'll need to use the grant by 31 March 2024.

You can't use seed grants to

- Pay salaries or wages of organisation staff

- Fund capital costs or contribute to larger capital projects. (Capital costs are defined as costs incurred on the purchase of land, buildings, construction and equipment to be used in the production of goods or the rendering of services)
- Cover costs incurred outwith the funded project or prior to the project start date

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When you apply, we'll ask you to tell us the following:

- Some basic information about your organisation and what it does.
- A brief outline of what your project aims to achieve and how you intend to do that.
- Which of the Climate Hub Seed Grant aims your project aligns with.

Don't worry about how you do that: we're more interested in your ideas than your writing, so a short list of key points is absolutely fine.

You'll then need to confirm you agree with the terms and conditions and upload some essential documents. You'll need to be able to show us your organisation has a bank account and a committee with at least three unrelated members. We'll need to see the organisation's constitution, last audited accounts or income expenditure report, and most recent bank statement.

If your group or organisation is new and doesn't have these documents, come and talk to us about alternative options. Our partners at the Third Sector Interfaces, SVE Stirling, CVS Falkirk and Clackmannanshire CTSI can also help your organisation get set up.

We're here to help

If you have any difficulties completing the online form, we can send you a Word version to fill out and return instead. Let us know too if you have any other specific access requirements – we'll do everything we can to help you apply.

We're also here to help you at every stage of the application process – and beyond.

FEL Climate Hubs in the Forth Valley and The Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park are part of a national network funded by the Scottish Government to help communities unite and work together on climate initiatives. As well as helping you apply for seed grant funding,

our Climate Hub teams will be able to help you come up with project ideas, find further sources of funding and connect with other organisations and resources.

So if you've got an idea you want to get off the ground, do get in touch. Email emily@felsiuscotland.org with any questions you have or to arrange a chat.

Together, we can help people, communities and our planet thrive – project by project.