

Western Power Distribution - Community Matters Fund
Fuel Poverty Application Questions

To be able to apply you need to confirm that you meet the following criteria:

1. Your organisation is based in one of the following regions that Western Power Distribution serves: West Midlands, East Midlands, South West England or South Wales. Please note that these regions do not completely match with other standard regional definitions. If you are close to a regional border please check your postcode [here](#) to ensure you are eligible
2. Your project provides support to people affected by fuel poverty
3. Your project will be completed by 31st March 2022
4. Your application either covers the full costs of your project or a specific part of a larger project

If the project you are applying for funding is part of a larger project we need to know the following information (if your project is not part of a larger project you will not be required to complete this):

1. What are the total project costs for your larger project?
2. If your project is part of a wider programme of work, please outline the wider project and exactly how the project you are requesting funding for fits as a specific piece of work (1,000 characters max)

Your application needs to meet at least one of the following funding themes. You can select more than one:

1. Supporting individuals to access support with fuel payments, including, but not limited to, accessing winter fuel discounts and Social Fund schemes
2. Providing energy tariff advice and switching
3. Providing energy efficiency or heating solutions
4. Expanding existing services that work to combat fuel poverty
5. Training for staff or volunteers to look out for signs of fuel poverty among their clients or to complete qualifications, such as City and Guild Level 3 in Energy Awareness

6. Supporting individuals or small businesses to access information about low carbon technologies (e.g. solar panels, electric vehicle chargers, heat pumps etc.)
7. Innovative approach to combating fuel poverty

You need to provide us with the following details about your project:

1. What is the name of your project? (200 characters max)
2. Describe the project that you are requesting funding for. Please be specific on how the project meets the funding theme, how the funding will be spent, and how the project will be delivered. (1,000 characters max)
3. How do you know these activities are needed? (500 characters max)
4. What track record do you have of delivering similar projects and supporting community groups or people? (500 characters max)
5. Do you have the skills within your organisation to deliver this project or will you be working with specialist partners or suppliers? If the latter, please name the partners or suppliers you will or hope to work with (500 characters max)
6. If your project does not take place at the registered address for your organisation, please provide us with the postcode where this project takes place. (optional)

You need to provide us with the following details about the impact of your project:

1. Please estimate how many people will be supported through this project
2. What impact will the project have on people affected by fuel poverty? (500 characters max)
3. If possible, please explain what the estimated financial savings in relation to fuel bills will be and how you have calculated this. Please provide evidence for your workings. (optional)
 - a. You will also be able to upload a supporting document, such as an Excel showing your workings or a third-party report that you have used to calculate savings
4. Please provide three measurable outcomes outlining the impact of your project

- a. For example:
 - i. 150 people attend workshops
 - ii. 90% of workshop participants state that they feel more confident with understanding how to use energy more efficiently
 - iii. 25% of workshop participants are supported to switch tariffs and save money
5. Which of the following age groups will benefit from your project? Please select the three most relevant:
 - a. 0-8
 - b. 9-16
 - c. 17-24
 - d. 25-34
 - e. 35-44
 - f. 45-54
 - g. 55-64
 - h. 65-74
 - i. 75-84
 - j. 85+
6. Which of the following beneficiary groups will benefit from your project? Please select the three most relevant:
 - a. Individuals or families living on a low income
 - b. Children or young people
 - c. Older people
 - d. Females
 - e. LGBTQ+ communities
 - f. Ethnic minorities

- g. Those with physical disabilities or poor mobility
- h. Those from a background of poverty/homelessness
- i. Those suffering with mental health problems or learning disabilities
- j. Individuals in recovery from addiction
- k. None of the above

You need to provide us with the following details about the budget of your project:

1. What is the total amount of funding that you are requesting through the Community Matters Fund?
2. Please break down the different costs associated with this project.
 - a. Item (100 characters)
 - b. Description (500 characters)
 - c. Value (£)

You need to provide us with this additional information:

1. Is your organisation a registered charity that can receive Charity Aid Foundation donations?
2. Have you received any funding from Western Power Distribution within the last five years?
 - a. If so, please know the year that you received the funding

Any questions or feedback?

Please contact our Help Desk via help@localgiving.org