RE: Grants up to £150,000 for community councils to reduce carbon footprint and improve facilities in their community.

Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) grants from the Scottish Government could provide funds and support for your Community Council to reduce their community’s carbon footprint and improve local facilities!

What would work best in your community?

With the help of CCF grants, Community Councils across Scotland have opened up local rights of way and promoted low carbon transport options, provided facilities for residents to grow their own fruit and veg and worked with the local neighbourhood to improve energy efficiency and cut fuel bills.

Your Community Council project could receive funding as long as it is:

1. Community-led with the participants at the heart of decision making
2. Aims to achieve a realistic and measurable carbon footprint reduction in your community
3. Demonstrates how you will help create a lasting change in the community after the CCF funded period has finished e.g. an energy efficient community hall.

What support is available?

Projects receiving CCF grants can also count on the support of Keep Scotland Beautiful who manage the CCF on behalf of the Scottish Government:

- The support of a Development Officer with everything from initial project ideas to help completing applications and guidance to implement projects.
- Free training workshops and networking sessions (including travel expenses!) These cover aspects from project setup, help with reporting to guidance to help your project flourish after CCF funding has ceased.
• The CCF website which has a range of resources to help you plan and deliver your project.

CCF funding is available until March 2015. For more information or to apply for a grant please call a Development Officer on 01786 468 779 see, www.keepscotlandbeautiful.org/ccf or email ccfenquiries@ksbscotland.org.uk

Yours faithfully

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