



Grants for Renewable Energy Projects – Scottish Power Green Energy Trust (UK)

Not for profit organisations and charities (as applies to many golf clubs) can apply for grants for the installation of renewable technologies. The funding which is available through the Green Energy Trust will provide grants of up to £25,000 (but most projects receive around £10,000) for up to half the cost of the chosen renewable technology. The maximum amount would only be awarded to exceptional projects that tick all the boxes and demonstrate real value for money. Projects also need to have a really strong community benefit and wider educational element.

The Trust considers all kinds of renewable technologies, including small-scale hydro, wind power, biomass, landfill gas, solar energy and ground source heat pumps. Applications involving other technologies may also qualify for support. Grant requests must be to support the capital and installation costs of a renewable energy project.

Examples of past projects are: a new energy-efficient heat-store air pump, funded by £20,000 from the Green Energy Trust; and a solar-powered system to create electricity for a church.

Trust meets three times a year to consider applications – usually during the first week of September and December then April. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Applications will be screened for eligibility and completeness as long as they are received seven weeks prior to the Trustees' meetings in April and October, with the final deadline being four weeks before the meeting.

For full information go to: <http://www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk/content/>

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