



Energy Redress: Carbon Emissions Reduction Priority Just Transition Fund

Making an application:

The following section provides additional guidance on how to complete the application form for a Just Transition Fund project. The guidance is set out under the headings from the application form. It does not cover every question on the application form, only those questions where additional information would be helpful. For any questions not listed here please refer to the CERF guidance.

This guidance should be read alongside the [Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund guidance](#) which also applies to the Just Transition Fund.

Aim

This section should describe your vision for how the project will impact a Just Transition to Net Zero. This should include what you aim to achieve with your renewable energy project and the funds it generates (including benefits to energy consumers in vulnerable situations). You should also include any longer-term plans to build a portfolio of projects (or expand an existing portfolio) and how this funding will help those plans.

Beneficiaries

This section should cover who will benefit from your project both directly and indirectly, including direct financial beneficiaries, vulnerable energy consumers and any other indirect beneficiaries.

Please be specific about:

- Who will benefit directly (especially financially) from the project, including who will own the project (e.g. will there be a share issue? And who do you plan to own the shares). Include information on shared ownership if applicable.
- Please provide information about any planned community funds as a result of the project
- Please ensure you have clearly explained how energy consumers in vulnerable situations will benefit from the project (including information about any specific groups who will be supported)

A note about **Shared Ownership**: The Just Transition Fund can, in principle, support shared ownership Renewable Energy projects however, you should ensure that your project can comply with the Redress rule on avoiding benefit to Ofgem regulated energy companies (see page 5 of the [Innovation and CERF Energy Redress guidance](#)). In general, you should ensure that Redress funding is focused on activities on behalf of and which benefit your community rather than any commercial shared ownership partner. All Redress projects must comply with this rule so please consider whether it is possible for your project to do so before applying.

Objectives

Use this section to describe what your project plans do to deliver its aim?

Applicants should explain what stage their project is currently at and where they plan to get to with Redress funding. Please refer to the Demonstrating Progress section.

Outcomes

In this section applications should cover the immediate direct outcome from the project in progress towards the development of your project.

It should also include longer-term outcomes including scale and technology of the planned installation and potential energy generated and carbon savings if known. Note that this information will be used in assessing the likely impact of the project and therefore cost effectiveness (which reviews cost against likely impact). Please also include information on any future plans for further installations so that this can be considered in the cost effectiveness assessment.

This section can also include outcomes for your organisation such as improved capacity to deliver further projects in future.

Outcomes for energy consumers in vulnerable situations should also be included in this section providing clarity on what tangible benefits will be delivered. Other social or environmental benefits can be included as appropriate.

Targets

Applicants should list the specific targets or milestones they will use to monitor progress, which should demonstrate success in moving through the stages of development indicated in the Objectives section.

Please consider what targets will be most appropriate to support the monitoring of your project's progress and success.

Within your targets please include:

- What progress you plan to make on delivery of your project and what milestones do you plan to achieve? (e.g. what stages of development, studies etc will be completed)
- Any measurable targets which can help to demonstrate success, e.g. numbers of people engaged or signed up to participate, finance secured etc.

The advice targets table and scope of advice sections can be left blank unless your project does include an advice component (any advice included in the project should be directly linked to the renewable energy project you are developing and deliver against the prioritise of the fund).

Additionality

In this section, please explain why you need Redress funds with reference to other sources of funding for Community Energy including:

- In England – the Community Energy Fund (CEF) funded through DESNZ and administered through the regional Net Zero Hubs: [Link to Community Energy England's page on the scheme](#)
- In Scotland – the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) www.localenergy.scot
- In Wales – the Welsh Government Energy Service (WGES) [Energy Service \(for public sector and community groups\) | GOV.WALES](#)

If you have not accessed these schemes, please explain why they are not appropriate for the activity for which you are requesting Redress funding. If you have accessed support from any of these schemes, please explain why you need additional funding from Energy Redress.

In addition, please explain why the funding is needed overall and how it will add value to any existing work you are already carrying out. Please also explain how you will work with any similar initiatives in your locality for mutual benefit and to avoid clashes over issues such as network connection or take-up of share issues.

Scope for replication and learning

This section provides an opportunity to explain whether and how the project you plan to develop could be replicated by others and how you will share information and insight with other organisations developing similar projects.

If you are developing or plan to develop a portfolio of similar projects, please provide information about that in this section as it will help assessors to understand the full impact of your project.

Next steps

Please use this section to explain what you plan to do once your Redress funding ends to ensure the delivery and successful operation of the project you are developing.

Cost effectiveness and budget

Please follow the guidance for the CERF programme in completing this section. All the rules for that fund apply to the Just Transition fund with one exception:

The Just Transition Fund does **not** currently fund the capital cost of renewable energy systems or their installation so such costs **cannot** be included in applications.

Please be as specific as you can about the costs you would like to be funded from an Energy Redress grant.

When reviewing your application, assessors will compare the cost with the likely impact. Therefore, they will consider the scale and value of installations that are being developed as a result of the grant funding. Please ensure that you have quantified installations that could happen as a direct result of your project (including the technology, capacity in kW/MW and any further information you have on likely energy generation and carbon emissions savings). Also include any longer-term plans you have that could be supported indirectly by this grant.

The level of grant requested will be cross-referenced with the likely capital cost of installed measures to ensure that the scale of development grant is proportionate to the scale of the likely installation.

Important: When completing this section please refer to page 17-19 of the Guidance for applicants to the Innovation Fund and Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund for information on scheme rules around eligible costs. Please refer to the information on the correct way to charge staff costs. The guidance can be downloaded [here](#).

Key things to remember when writing your Just Transition Fund application

Checklist:

- Have you checked what other funding is currently available and included relevant information in the application (see additionality section above)?

- Have you provided sufficient clarity within the body of the application form about the type and scale of renewable energy systems you plan to install? (including technology, kW/MW capacity of the system, likely energy generation and carbon savings if known?)
- Have you provided clear information about what stage of development you are currently at and what stage the Redress funding will help you to reach?
- Have you cross-referenced the scale of installation(s) you plan to deliver with the cost of your project?
- Is it clear that the funding requested now will deliver significant progress towards installation?