

### Summary of Potential Grants for Climate Change Projects – Test Valley

This document has been created to provide an overview of the main grants available to those in Test Valley that could be relevant for projects relating to climate change. The document outlines a variety of community, resident and business grants and each category has been split into its own table. The tables outline the following information: Name of the grant, the amount available, who is able to apply for the grant, grant application period and additional information. In some instances, a link has been added to access further information. Please note that this document does not cover all grants that may be available. It is intended as a summary based on the best available information at the time of writing – not all grants may be appropriate for all projects and those considering a specific grant will need to fully review the criteria and eligibility information.

#### Communities

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Test Valley Borough Council	Councillor Community Grant	Applications can be for two thirds of the overall project cost up to a maximum of £1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not-for-profit community groups</li> <li>• Charitable organisations</li> <li>• Voluntary groups</li> <li>• Incorporated clubs and societies</li> <li>• Parish or Town Councils</li> <li>• Schools, in relation to their wider community role</li> <li>• Borough Councillors (where there is no external sponsoring organisation)</li> </ul>	Information on how to apply for the grant is available at:  <a href="#">Councillors Community Grant Scheme   Test Valley Borough Council</a>	Eligible community projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community projects which address a need within your community, such as; addressing climate change or positively supporting the environment and sustainability</li> <li>• Creating new or improving existing community assets</li> <li>• New community resources</li> <li>• Community led events</li> </ul>

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Test Valley Borough Council	Community Asset Fund	<p>There is no maximum project cost, but maximum grant award is £25,000.</p> <p>Can apply for up to 50% of the total activity or project cost.</p> <p>The minimum grant award is £2,000 - so only projects costing £4,000 and more are eligible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not-for-profit community groups (definition for this is outlined in the link provided in the column to the right).</li> <li>• Charitable organisations</li> <li>• Community buildings and asset management committees</li> <li>• Community Associations</li> <li>• Parish and Town Councils</li> <li>• Schools (only for facilities with formal community access)</li> </ul>	<p>Information on how to apply for the grant is available at:</p> <p><a href="#">Community Asset Fund   Test Valley Borough Council</a></p> <p>The time frames for submitting applications in 2024/25 have yet to be published.</p>	<p>Eligible community projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community assets and buildings - new assets or enhancement of existing facilities</li> <li>• Climate Change – projects which enhance community assets in order to reduce carbon emissions and/or address climate change</li> <li>• Environmental - projects which enhance community assets in a way that improves the environment and/or biodiversity</li> </ul> <p>This fund has previously been used to contribute to improvements to the energy performance of community buildings and the installation of solar panels.</p>
Test Valley Borough Council	Community Rural England Prosperity Fund	<p>Capital projects for local rural community purposes, with a grant value range of £3k to £20k.</p> <p>There are match funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local authorities</li> <li>• Public sector organisations</li> <li>• Higher and further education institutions</li> <li>• Voluntary organisations</li> <li>• Registered charities</li> <li>• Arms-length bodies of government.</li> </ul>	<p>Information on how to apply for the grant is available at:</p> <p><a href="#">Community Rural England Prosperity Fund   Test Valley Borough Council</a></p> <p>All grant applications need to be submitted by 31 August 2024</p>	<p>Must be used for capital projects. This means that the grants must be spent on lasting assets such as a building or equipment. They must also be for projects in a rural area (definition on website).</p>

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		requirements of at least 25% of the project costs, with more details on the website (section 5).		(unless full budget allocated prior to this) and funding awards must be paid out by 31 March 2025.	<p>Grants must be for community purposes. The below outlines the priorities of the grant in rural communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local arts, culture, heritage, and creative activities.</li> <li>• Creation of or improvement to rural green space.</li> <li>• Impactful volunteering and social action projects.</li> </ul> <p>Section 4 on the website outlines projects and organisations that cannot be funded. Evaluation of applications includes a criterion on contribution to net zero and nature recovery objectives.</p>
<b>Hampshire County Council</b>	<b>County Councillor Grant</b>	Scale of grants not specified, other than minimum grant payable is £100. County Councillors will be given an annual budget to allocate to local projects, initiatives, or organisations.	<p>Who can apply is outlined on the website in section 3, with eligible organisations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Councils (for specific projects only)</li> <li>• Scout, guide, boys, and girls brigade local organisations</li> <li>• Religious groups (where the project will bring wider community benefit)</li> <li>• Village or community hall associations</li> </ul>	<p>Information for how to apply for the grant is available at:</p> <p><a href="#">County Councillor grants   Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>Not currently open for applications. The grant scheme for 2023/24 was open from 1 June 2023 to 29 February 2024.</p>	<p>More information is provided on the website, including on the types of projects covered (section 1), and who can / cannot apply (sections 3 &amp; 4).</p>

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		Could include minor capital projects or revenue (one off) projects.			
<b>Hampshire County Council</b>	<b>Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund</b>	Funding of up to £5,000 is available and there is no minimum amount for applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community, neighbourhood, or voluntary groups</li> <li>• Registered Charities</li> <li>• Schools, colleges, and universities</li> <li>• Not-for-profit organisations (including social enterprises)</li> <li>• Faith groups delivering community work</li> <li>• Parish Councils</li> </ul>	<p>The grant is currently closed however email <a href="mailto:waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk">waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk</a> to be notified when fund re opens.</p> <p>More information can also be found on: <a href="#">Community Grant Fund   Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)</a></p>	<p>Funding cannot be provided to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business as usual activities</li> <li>• Recycling projects</li> <li>• Projects which focus on reducing business or commercial waste, including school waste</li> <li>• Projects where the impacts will be outside the Hampshire County Council administrative area.</li> </ul>
<b>Hampshire County Council</b>	<b>Rural Community Fund</b>	<p>Typically fund up to a maximum of £5000, with requests for less than £500 directed to the County Councillor grants.</p> <p>Generally a 50% match funded scheme.</p>	Aimed to support parish councils, groups and organisations in rural Hampshire and small market towns. More information on eligibility is available on the website (see section 4).	<p>This grant is now closed due to end of financial year. For enquires, contact details are available on the website:</p> <p><a href="#">Rural Communities Fund   Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)</a></p>	<p>Provides support for four areas, including climate change resilience and countryside.</p> <p>Additional details on website, with section 3 outlining examples of successful projects (which includes projects in Test Valley) and section 6 outlining what cannot be funded by this grant.</p>

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Hampshire County Council	Leader's Community Grant	<p>For one off, time limited projects.</p> <p>Applications can be made for over £1000, up to a maximum of £25000.</p> <p>Normally grants for up to 50% of sum required to complete project.</p>	Criteria on who can apply for this grant is outlined in section 2 'who can apply' on the website. This includes that organisations must be delivering activities or services that benefit Hampshire residents.	<p>This grant is now closed due to end of financial year. For enquires, contact details are available on the website:</p> <p><a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/leader-community-grants">Leader's Community Grants   Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>Section 3 outlines further information on when to apply.</p>	One of the categories of proposals particularly welcome are those that demonstrate how they respond to the climate emergency. Details are also provided on what will not be funded (section 4 on website), including for the improvement of buildings or facilities for which functional responsibility is held by a borough or parish council.
Hampshire County Council	Community Energy	Revolving community energy fund, with investment up to £25,000 in any individual community project being launched in Hampshire as part of the Community Energy Pathways project, being delivered by Community Energy South (this	Not specified	Anyone seeking further information on the fund, should email: <a href="mailto:climatechange@hants.gov.uk">climatechange@hants.gov.uk</a>	<p>More information at: <a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/community-energy">Community energy   Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>The aim of the fund is to stimulate community investment in renewable energy across Hampshire. Any profits that result from community schemes will go back into the fund for investment in other community schemes, making it a sustainable funding mechanism for the long-term.</p>

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		includes Dragonfly Power).			
National Government	<b>Boiler Upgrade Scheme</b>	Through the Boiler Upgrade Scheme, funding is available to cover part of the cost of replacing fossil fuel heating systems with a heat pump or biomass boiler. Grants are £7500 for relevant heat pumps and £5000 for biomass boilers	<p>To be eligible you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• own the property you are applying for;</li> <li>• have installed (or plan to install) your new heating system on or after 1 April 2022; and</li> <li>• be replacing fossil fuel heating systems (such as oil, gas or electric).</li> </ul> <p>You are still eligible if you have already had funding to make your property more energy efficient, for example by insulating it.</p>	This is currently open for applications.	<p>More information at: <a href="#">Apply for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme: Overview - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>Your property must have a valid Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) with no outstanding recommendations for loft or cavity wall insulation.</p> <p>The installer will apply on your behalf. Need to use a MSC certified installer.</p>
	<b>VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme</b>	Funding for the cost and delivery of an independent energy assessment and capital grants of between £2000 and £150000 to install capital energy efficiency measures identified in an independent	Voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations. This is not available for parish and town councils. More detail is available on the website.	Until August 2024 – with capital work grant funding rounds due to open in mid-April and early July 2024.	More information, including eligibility criteria, at: <a href="#">VCSE Energy Efficiency Scheme - Groundwork</a>

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National Lottery Community Fund	<b>Climate Action Fund</b>	The minimum that can be asked for is £500,000. Most projects will be funded between £1 million and £1.5 million over 3 to 5 years. Some exceptional projects up to £3 million will be funded for 7 years.	<p>Projects will be funded if they meet the below criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• linking climate action to the everyday lives and interests of local communities and inspiring them to take action.</li> <li>• influencing communities at a regional or national level, like linking up groups across location, or a campaign that inspires change across one country, or the whole UK.</li> </ul> <p>You should be in a partnership with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a mix of organisations and sectors</li> <li>• smaller groups that represent the people you are working with.</li> </ul>	Applications could be made from 27 March 2024. There is currently no deadline for applications.	More information at: <a href="#">Awards from the UK Portfolio   The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)</a>

**Businesses<sup>1</sup>**

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<b>Test Valley Borough Council</b>	<b>Rural Net Zero Support</b>	Small capital grants of variable amounts up to £3750 available for capital projects. No match funding requirement.	Rural businesses (as per DEFRA definition) taking steps to decarbonise their business	Available funding to be spent by end March 2025.	<p>The Council has partnered with IncuHive to deliver this scheme which also includes an advice service. More detail at below links:</p> <p><a href="#">Rural Net Zero Support   Test Valley Borough Council</a></p> <p><a href="#">Net Zero Business Support (incuhive.co.uk)</a></p> <p>Press release in December 2023 alongside promotion via social media and business newsletter.</p>
<b>Test Valley Borough Council</b>	<b>Rural England Prosperity Fund</b>	£5000-£25000 capital grants with match funding requirements (generally 50% project costs).	Rural businesses (as per DEFRA definition) making small investments, or developing / promoting the visitor economy, or developing the social economy. There are restrictions on businesses that are eligible based on the number of employees.	<p>Grant application window will close on 31 August 2024 or when the allocated budget has been awarded in full, whichever is sooner.</p> <p>All funding awarded must be paid out by 31 March 2025.</p>	<p>More information at: <a href="#">Rural England Prosperity Fund   Test Valley Borough Council</a></p> <p>Evaluation of applications includes a criterion on contribution to net zero and nature recovery objectives.</p>

<sup>1</sup> More information on grants and funding available for businesses is provided at: <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/business/businessgrantsandsupport/grantsandfunding>

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Hampshire County Council	Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund	Funding of up to £5,000 is available and there is no minimum amount for applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Businesses with fewer than 250 employees, i.e. Small and medium sized enterprises</li> </ul>	<p>The grant is currently closed however email <a href="mailto:waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk">waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk</a> to be notified when fund re opens.</p> <p>More information can also be found on: <a href="#">Community Grant Fund   Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)</a></p>	<p>Funding cannot be provided to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business as usual activities</li> <li>Recycling projects</li> <li>Projects which focus on reducing business or commercial waste, including school waste</li> </ul> <p>Projects where the impacts will be outside the Hampshire County Council administrative area.</p>
National Government	OZEV workplace charging scheme	Voucher based scheme for eligible businesses towards upfront costs of electric vehicle charge points.	This grant is open to businesses, charities, public sector organisations and small accommodation businesses.	Funding is confirmed until 31 March 2025.	More information at: <a href="#">Workplace Charging Scheme - GOV-UK Find a grant (find-government-grants.service.gov.uk)</a>
National Government	Boiler Upgrade Scheme	Through the Boiler Upgrade Scheme, funding is available to cover part of the cost of replacing fossil fuel heating systems with a heat pump or	<p>To be eligible you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>own the property you are applying for (including if it is a business)</li> <li>have installed (or plan to install) your new heating system on or after 1 April 2022</li> </ul>	This is currently open for applications	<p>More information at: <a href="#">Apply for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme: Overview - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>Your property must have a valid Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) with no</p>

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		biomass boiler. Grants are £7500 for relevant heat pumps and £5000 for biomass boilers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be replacing fossil fuel heating systems (such as oil, gas or electric)</li> </ul> You are still eligible if you have already had funding to make your property more energy efficient, for example by insulating it.		outstanding recommendations for loft or cavity wall insulation.  The installer will apply on your behalf. Need to use a MSC certified installer.

## Residents

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Test Valley Borough Council	Home Improvement Grants	Home improvement grants of up to £10000 are available for eligible homeowners	Eligibility information is available at: <a href="#">Home Improvement Grants   Test Valley Borough Council</a>	The applicant will be entitled to two grants every five years.  For further information, please contact: the Private Sector Housing Team Tel 01264 368000 Email <a href="mailto:envhealth@testvalley.gov.uk">envhealth@testvalley.gov.uk</a>	Exclusions from this grant is outlined in the link in the 'Who can apply for Grant' column.  Proposed energy efficiency improvements should not be covered by any national grant schemes.
Test Valley Borough Council	Home Improvement Loan	Home improvement loans of up to £10,000 are available for eligible owner	Eligibility information is available at: <a href="#">Home Improvement Loans   Test Valley Borough Council</a>	For further information, please contact: the Private Sector Housing Team Tel 01264 368000 Email <a href="mailto:envhealth@testvalley.gov.uk">envhealth@testvalley.gov.uk</a>	Exclusions from this grant is outlined in the link in the 'Who can apply for Grant' column.  Proposed energy efficiency improvements should not be covered by any other grant schemes.
National Government	Warmer Homes	Funding available for the installation of a range of specified energy efficiency measures.	For homes not heated by mains gas, with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D to G. There are also eligibility thresholds based on household income, with more detail on the <a href="#">website</a> .	Programme available until 31 March 2025, however an earlier deadline for applications may apply.	Funded by the Government's Home Upgrade Grant, through a consortium bid led by Portsmouth City Council.  More information at: <a href="#">energy-efficiency home improvements   Warmer Homes</a>
National Government	Boiler Upgrade Scheme	Through the Boiler Upgrade	To be eligible you must:	This is currently open for applications	More information at: <a href="#">Apply for the Boiler Upgrade</a>

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		<p>Scheme, funding is available to cover part of the cost of replacing fossil fuel heating systems with a heat pump or biomass boiler. Grants are £7500 for relevant heat pumps and £5000 for biomass boilers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>own the property you are applying for (including if it is a second home, or a property you rent out to tenants)</li> <li>have installed (or plan to install) your new heating system on or after 1 April 2022</li> <li>be replacing fossil fuel heating systems (such as oil, gas or electric)</li> </ul> <p>You are still eligible if you have already had funding to make your property more energy efficient, for example by insulating it.</p>		<p><a href="#">Scheme: Overview - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>Your property must have a valid Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) with no outstanding recommendations for loft or cavity wall insulation.</p> <p>The installer will apply on your behalf. Need to use a MSC certified installer.</p>
<b>National Government</b>	<b>Electric Vehicle charge point &amp; infrastructure grant for renters and flat owners</b>	<p>Can help towards the cost of installing an electric vehicle charge point socket at your property.</p> <p>Can receive 75% off the cost to buy and install a socket, up to a maximum of £350.</p>	<p>You can apply for this grant if you either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>own and live in a flat</li> <li>rent any residential property (this includes properties under the shared ownership scheme)</li> </ul> <p>You must own an eligible vehicle and your home must have its own private off-street parking space. Additional requirements are set out on the website.</p>	<p>Funding is confirmed until 31 March 2025.</p> <p>Contact an OZEV-approved installer to get a quote for the work.</p>	<p>More information at: <a href="#">Electric vehicle chargepoint grant for renters and flat owners - GOV-UK Find a grant (find-government-grants.service.gov.uk)</a></p>

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National Government	Electric Vehicle charge point & infrastructure grant for landlords	<p>Can help towards the cost of installing an electric vehicle chargepoint socket.</p> <p>You can get 75% off the cost to buy and install a socket, up to a maximum of £350 per socket and in some cases up to £500 per parking space enabled with supporting infrastructure.</p>	<p>Further information on who can apply is available at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/find-government-grants">Electric vehicle chargepoint and infrastructure grants for landlords - GOV-UK Find a grant (find-government-grants.service.gov.uk)</a></p>	Funding is confirmed until 31 March 2025.	You can receive up to 200 grants a year for residential properties, and a further 100 for commercial properties.
National Government	Connected for Warmth	This grant focuses on heating (e.g. air source heat pumps), and insulation (e.g. loft insulation, cavity wall insulation and heating controls).	<p>Heating eligibility is available at: <a href="https://www.connectedforwarmth.org.uk/ashp-eligibility">https://www.connectedforwarmth.org.uk/ashp-eligibility</a></p> <p>Insulation eligibility is available at: <a href="https://www.connectedforwarmth.org.uk/eligibility-for-insulation">https://www.connectedforwarmth.org.uk/eligibility-for-insulation</a></p>	Applications are currently open.	More information at: <a href="#">Fully funded energy efficiency measures   Connected for Warmth</a>

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Energy companies	<b>Energy Company Obligation (ECO)</b>	The ECO4 scheme focuses on supporting low income and vulnerable households. The scheme will improve the least energy efficient homes.	Eligibility is based on a number of factors, with different eligibility criteria for different pathways. More information is set out in the Council's <a href="#">statement of intent</a> .	Scheme is open until March 2026.	Energy companies of a certain size are required to put funding towards energy efficiency measures. The Council sets <a href="#">criteria in relation to the flexible eligibility option</a> of this to direct assistance towards local private sector homes at risk of fuel poverty who are not covered under normal rules.  OfGEM has published FAQs that explain a bit more about the scheme: <a href="#">FAQs for domestic consumers and landlords   Ofgem</a>
National Government	<b>Great British Insulation Scheme</b>	Free or cheaper insulation for homes	Homeowners, landlord or tenants who are in a property with an EPC of D-G and council tax band A-D  <a href="#">Apply for support from the Great British Insulation Scheme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>	Scheme is open until March 2026	Mainly to deliver single insulation measures. The scheme is delivered by energy suppliers who can also check if ECO4 scheme applies.