



SOUTH EAST LONDON COMMUNITY ENERGY

South East London Community Energy Supporting Our Community to Benefit from the Lewisham Community Energy Fund

The Lewisham Community Energy Fund intends to provide new capacity for local community and voluntary groups to bring people together for a common purpose in relation to energy, carbon reduction, and fuel poverty.

South East London Community Energy (SELCE) is a community energy enterprise set up by a group of local residents in Greenwich and Lewisham who help individuals, businesses and community organisations to transition to clean energy. We offer a range of impartial advice services, to help people who are struggling with their energy bills, want to invest in greening their property, or are organisations that are looking to become more sustainable. We would like to support our local community sites to make the most of the opportunities that the Lewisham Community Energy Fund provides.



Going Low-Carbon with SELCE

SELCE has supported community sites to benefit from solar power ever since we were established back in 2014. We do this by raising finance from community shareholders and using this money to install solar on local community buildings. We now own and operate solar panels on seven schools, two leisure centres, on church and an hotel. These were financed by raising nearly £510,000 in community shares. We sell solar electricity to sites a reduced rate relative to what they would otherwise be paying for electricity from their regular supplier.

In a similar way, we also support community sites to retrofit their lighting. We'll audit and design lighting in a community site, raise community finance to cover the cost of lighting. We charge sites a lighting fee that enables us to repay our community investors. Our community financed solar and LED's both enable sites to vastly reduce their energy costs as well as their carbon footprint

We are winners of multiple national awards including the Renewable Energy Associations Community Energy Project of the Year 2019, The Community Energy Social Impact Award 2019 and the Energy Saving Award 2017. We employ staff who are able to:

- Assess the feasibility of solar PV
- Conduct a full lighting audit
- Commission structural assessments and grid connection assessments
- Run a professional competitive tender for solar PV or LED retrofit
- Assess the financial benefit of solar installation or LED retrofit

We operate on a not-for-profit basis. We would like to offer our skills to community sites in Lewisham on a not-for-profit basis to help you to get the most out of the Lewisham Community Energy Fund

About the Lewisham Community Energy Fund

The fund is targeted toward community-based organisation such as:

- Community/Voluntary Groups
- Co-operatives
- Company Limited by Guarantee
- Registered Charities
- Faith and Equalities Groups
- Social Enterprises
- Schools
- Community Interest Companies
- Community Benefit Societies
- Tenants' and Residents' Associations, or Tenant Management Organisations
- Other / Constituted
- Other / Un-constituted

Individuals cannot apply, applications are welcome from organisations no matter how small, which if needed can partner with another organisation to receive this funding.

The Fund will cover the four below streams:

Stream A – Feasibility and Business Case Development (Up to £10,000 per project)

Stream B – Project Implementation and Delivery (Up to a third of the capital value, capped at £10,000)

Stream C – Innovation and Pre-Feasibility Development (Up to £5000 per project)

Stream D – Training, Events, and Engagement (up to £5000 per project)

How Can SELCE Help?

Stream A

If you would like to install solar or conduct a large-scale LED retrofit on your community venue and don't work in the renewables or retrofit industry, we strongly recommend that you get someone to support you. This could be a contractor from a commercial consultancy, you could rely on mentoring via Community Energy London. Alternatively, might consider commissioning SELCE staff can act as not-for-profit consultants. our staff can support you with the following:

For Solar

- Do an in-house design that maximizes the generating potential of your roof
- Commission a structural survey to assess whether you roof is suitable for solar
- Commission a grid connection survey



For LEDs

- Carry out a full lighting audit
- Commission accurate quotes and support with a competitive tender

For both Solar and LED's, we can support you to

- Help you to develop a business case for solar (assess saving and costs)
- Procure contractors.



If you would like our support,

- Before you submit the bid call us and we can provide you with a quote for consultancy for you to include in your bid
- If awarded provide access to electricity consumption data and to your site for surveys

Stream B

Provides capital funding towards the cost of low-carbon measures. There are three different ways in which we can support you.

- Pre-bid consultancy: We have funding from the London Community Energy Fund to support four sites to undertake pre-feasibility assessments (an in-house solar design or an assessment of LED retrofit suitability or an assessment of insulation requirements).
- £10K will provide you with enough funding for solar for a site that is the size of a large domestic property. The size of the solar array would be limited by the amount of funding. For LED retrofit 10K will take you a lot further. If you have a larger site, you could consider matching your £10K from the Lewisham Community Energy Fund to increase funds and the extent of your installation. We cannot promise that this is possible on all sites, but do call us to discuss this if it is of interest.



Stream D

We are always keen to share our skills. We are keen to work in partnership with community groups to be able to offer workshops on energy related topics.

- Recently we ran a week-long workshop for University Greenwich students that enabled them to assess the feasibility of solar PV and complete a full design and business case for solar PV on Avery Hill Campus. If this is of interest to you please let me know (only suitable for those aged 16+)
- Fancy building your own solar charger. We are able to offer workshops for those aged 14+ that enables participants to do just that and to learn about the properties of solar and electricity in the process

Please get in touch if you would like to submit an application for Stream D that features a workshop from us. If you would like to find out more now, please contact Jameel Baksh-Weston at: Jameel@selce.org.uk