Grant Round 7 – Resilience
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NORTHERN POWERGRID Foundation

Northern Powergrid Foundation

Helping communities turn energy challenges into opportunities



Building stronger, more resilient communities powered by sustainable energy solutions

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Welcome

Who we are



The Northern Powergrid Foundation is the independent grant-making charity of Northern Powergrid.

We have launched a new strategy;

Our Vision:

A world where communities have the power they need to thrive

Our Mission:

Helping communities turn energy challenges into opportunities

Projects Supported to Date



120 beneficiaries supported



An estimated 169,177 people reached



16% of all people supported under 16



25% of all people supported over 65



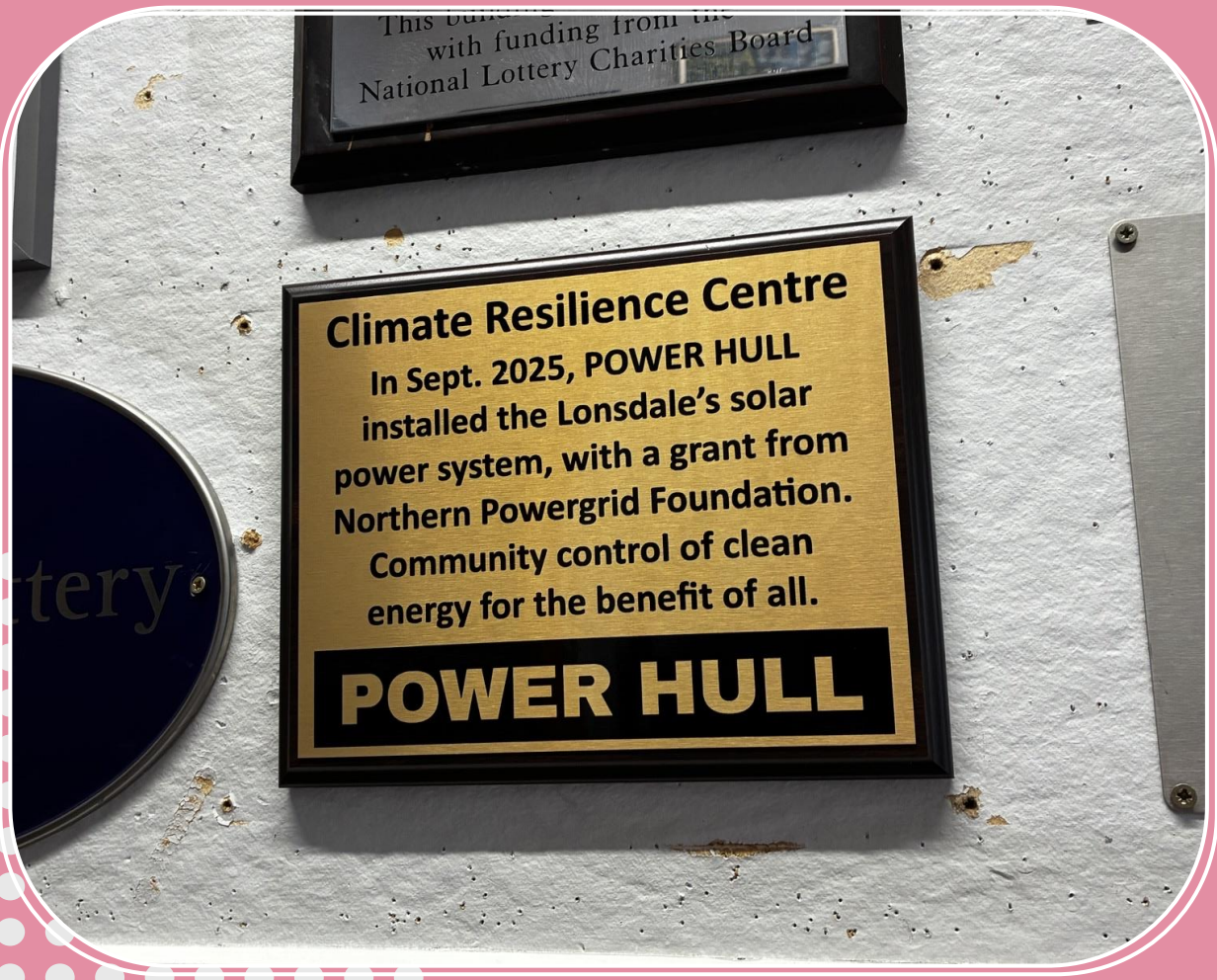
34.6% of all people supported living in poverty



222 miles between most Northern and most Southern projects

Overview of Grant Round

Grant Round 7 is now OPEN



- *Offering up to £20,000 for registered charities, not-for profits and social enterprises to enhance the energy resilience of a community space*
- *We cover up to 100% of the project costs but costs such as; salaries and overheads cannot be covered*
- *Applicants must be in geographical area; North East, Yorkshire or Northern Lincolnshire*
- *Must be able to provide copies of:*
  - *Most recent financial accounts*
  - *Governance documents*
  - Itemised quotes x 2 for the work proposed

Overview of Grant Round

What is Energy Resilience?

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‘An energy-resilient community is ready for whatever happens, today and tomorrow. It has a plan to keep people safe during emergencies, like storms or power cuts. It also works smart to save energy, use it wisely, and prepare for future changes’.

Grant Round Changes

We have changed the way we do things

1.Expression of Interest process

2) Inclusion of funding for **small** energy efficiency measures to improve facility infrastructure

3) Income of applying charity **must be under £500,000**

4) We have previously looked at distance between beneficiaries – This criteria is no longer as strict as it was, but may be considered in the decision-making process

5) We now **require 2 quotes**, fully itemised and installer **must be MCS registered if applying for a solar & battery project**



Overview of Grant-Making Policy



Our grant making policy can be found in the **'Resource Library'** section of our website; https://www.northernpowergridfoundation.com/sites/default/files/document-library/Grant-Making_Policy.pdf

- **What we will not fund -** There are a range of stipulations that may rule some organisations out of applying for a grant. This may include; the nature of the applying organisation, retrospective funding, conflicts of interest with Northern Powergrid or for contributions to general appeals or circulars

- **Who can apply -** Registered charities, not for profits or social enterprises (Community interest companies etc)

- **What we will fund –** This section will highlight the things we will fund and you must check this to ensure your organisation or project fits within these guidelines.

Expression of Interest (EOI) Process

- Process created to ensure that applicants are not spending unnecessary time completing a full application if the project or organisation is not eligible or aligned with our grant-making policy

- The EOI is a short online form which asks for key information about; the project, the organisation and the community it serves – Prompts are given after each question which will help applicants compile their answers

- Once completed and submitted the EOI is reviewed by a member of the Foundation team within 14 days and an outcome provided to the applicant

Possible Outcome	Next Steps
EOI rejected – **Not eligible** for resubmission	The applicant cannot proceed with a further EOI or application for the energy resilience grant
EOI rejected – **Eligible** for resubmission	The applicant can reapply if issues identified are addressed. Maximum number of submissions per grant round = 2
EOI Accepted – **Eligible** for full application	Applicant will be assigned the full application form – This is still no guarantee of funding

Rejected Applications
Reasons and Themes

Total number of applications received in grant round 6: **102**



55 applications were rejected at stage one:

- Outside of the **geographical** area
- Not meeting the **charities priorities**
- **Non-Compliance** with the grant making policy

Other reasons projects were rejected:

- Concerns over **feasibility** of project
- Concerns highlighted from **organisation due diligence** checks
- Concerns over **fundraising plans** if total project cost is above the amount of requested
- **Lack of depth** in application

What we want to see in an Application



All mandatory documentation included



Financial information including quotes must be accurate



Community Benefit and Impact Highlighted



Additional fundraising plan outlined (If necessary)



Demonstratable Resilience Plans



Identify and highlight a clear need

What's Next?
Grant Timeline and Key Dates

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EOI window closes – 7th April

Full Application Window Closes – 14th April

Grant Assessment Process

20th May Board Decision Meeting

21st May-28th May
Issuing and returning of grant agreements

Project Mobilisation

*** Please note dates may be subject to change due to factors outside of our control*

Grant Agreement
Specifics

Following the issue of a grant, the beneficiary will be issued with either a grant agreement or grant letter – You must be able to comply and adhere with the following:

- *Reporting* – Quarterly, project completion and grant expenditure
- *Purpose* – The mobilised project must align with the purpose outlined
- *Clawback* – Grant funding may have to be returned to the Foundation in the event of a breach of the grant agreement
- *Payment of Grant* – Your organisation must be able to receive and process cheques as this is our only method of grant payment



Questions?

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