

EDF Energy Community Fund

Opportunity to become an independent member of the Awards Panel

The EDF Energy Community Fund has been created as part of the Hinkley Point C Section 106 Agreement. The Section 106 Agreement sets out the purpose of the fund as:

“mitigating the intangible and residual impacts of (Hinkley Point C) on the communities in (Somerset) through schemes, measures and projects which promote the economic, social or environmental well-being of those communities and enhance their quality of life”.¹

The fund is managed by Somerset Community Foundation (SCF), an independent local charity managing a range of funds that benefit communities throughout Somerset. The budget for the EDF Energy Community Fund is in excess of £1 million per annum.

This is an exciting opportunity to support SCF in the delivery of this fund as one of the independent members of our Awards Panel. You will help determine how the EDF Energy Community Fund addresses current impacts and delivers long-term legacies in local communities that are affected by the Hinkley Point C development.

You will work as a volunteer² alongside representatives from Somerset Community Foundation, EDF Energy, and local authorities. We looking to recruit up to three independent members on to the Panel.

We welcome applications from minority groups, including but not limited to BME and people with disabilities.

About the Role

We anticipate there will be about five meetings each year of the Awards Panel, although we may form sub-committees for particular purposes. As a member of the Awards Panel you

¹ Hinkley Point C Development Consent Order, Section 106

² Please note participation in the panel will be on a voluntary basis although reasonable out of pocket expenses of independent members will be reimbursed.

will help the Panel reach decisions on individual applications and, from time to time, advise the SCF Board on the strategy and delivery of the fund. Independent panel members will be expected to serve on the Awards Panel for at least one term of three years (but no more than two three-year terms).

More information is available in the accompanying draft Awards Panel Members Terms of Reference.

Awards Panel members will need to demonstrate the following skills, knowledge and personal characteristics:

- ability to think and act strategically and independently;
- ability to assess objectively applications and appraise organisations against agreed criteria and priorities;
- work as a team player and accept the principle of collective responsibility;
- familiarity with Somerset, in particular the communities most likely to be affected by the Hinkley Point C development;
- knowledge of issues affecting communities in Somerset, including, but not limited to, community cohesion, health and social care, education and skills development and community well-being;
- commitment to achieving positive and lasting change in local communities;
- commitment to equal opportunities;
- clear and diplomatic communicator; and
- willing and able to commit to at least 3 years.

Please do not apply if you feel you cannot act independently or you are likely to have a significant conflict of interest.

You do not have to have experience of serving on a grants committee or equivalent in the past; training and guidance will be provided by Somerset Community Foundation to enable you apply your experience and knowledge to help us reach sound decisions.

Application process

In order to apply to become an independent member of the EDF Energy Community Fund Awards Panel, please send us your CV and also a covering letter or email explaining why you wish to become an independent member of the Awards Panel and how you match the criteria.

Please either email your application to kirsty.campbell@somersetcf.org.uk or post it to Kirsty Campbell, Somerset Community Foundation, Yeoman House, Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet BA4 6QN, to arrive by 5pm 7th July 2017. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

We will shortlist candidates by assessing your application against the criteria set out above and we will interview shortlisted candidates in the week beginning July 17th 2017.