

Hinkley Point C (HPC) Community Fund Awards Panel

Opportunity to become an independent member of the Awards Panel

This is an exciting opportunity to support SCF in the delivery of this multi-million pound fund as one of three independent members of our Awards Panel. You will work as a volunteer¹ alongside representatives from Somerset Community Foundation, EDF, and local authorities to award and monitor grants to organisations working to mitigate the impacts and opportunities arising from the HPC development.

The HPC 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”.²

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 HPC Community Fund is in excess of £1 million per annum. (To find out more about the Fund, please visit: www.hpcfunds.co.uk)

We are particularly interested to hear from people with:

- **local knowledge of Bridgwater and the wider Sedgemoor area.**
- **expertise in environmental issues**

We also positively encourage applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity.

We are committed to increasing opportunities for people with disabilities to contribute to

¹ Please note participation in the panel will be on a voluntary basis although reasonable out of pocket expenses of independent members will be reimbursed.

² Hinkley Point C Development Consent Order, Section 106

their local community and will respond positively to meet individual needs throughout the recruitment process.

About the Role

There are normally four meetings each year of the Awards Panel, although we have at present two sub-committees which also involve at least one of our independent members at a time. The sub-committees consider applications for small grants and oversee the monitoring processes for the grants we have awarded.

Please note, at the current time, all meetings take place through video conferencing, but our normal operating model is to meet in person, in or around Bridgwater.

As a member of the Awards Panel you will:

- help the Panel reach decisions on individual applications ranging from a few hundred pounds to over £100,000 in some cases
- support the monitoring processes by visiting projects (currently suspended due to Covid restrictions) 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 and/or experience of issues affecting local communities' quality of life and wellbeing in Somerset;
- 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 to apply your experience and knowledge to help us reach sound decisions.

Application process

In order to apply to become an independent member of the Hinkley Point C 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: carolyn.phimister@somersetcf.org.uk or post it to Carolyn Phimister, Somerset Community Foundation, Yeoman House, Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet BA4 6QN, to arrive by noon, Thursday 8 October. Applications received after this deadline may not be considered.

We will shortlist candidates by assessing your application against the criteria set out above and we will interview shortlisted candidates on Thursday, 15 October 2020 using video conferencing.