

London Borough of Camden Camden Climate Fund 2026-2027 Frequently Asked Questions

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CAMDEN CLIMATE FUND FAQs

This document contains frequently asked questions to support applicants to apply for Phase 4 of the Camden Climate Fund (2025-2028).

More information about the fund, including the terms and conditions and application process, can be found on the [Camden Climate Fund webpage](#).

1. What is the Camden Climate Fund and how is it funded?

The Camden Climate Fund (CCF) was launched in 2017 to provide financial assistance to residents, businesses and community groups for projects that help to reduce carbon emissions.

The Camden Climate Fund (CCF) is financed by carbon offset payments collected from developers through Section 106 (s106) legal agreements. They required to be paid under Council planning policy where applications fail to meet required carbon reduction targets set by Camden Council's Local Plan. These legal agreements specify that the contributions must be spent on carbon-saving measures within the borough.

Each year, the fund opens for a set period and funding is awarded on an ongoing basis throughout. It then closes for a review period of two to three months.

2. How long is the funding round open for and when is the deadline?

The 2026 funding round is open from Friday 30th January until Wednesday 30th September.

3. How much money is available in total?

In Autumn 2024, [£930,000 of s106 carbon offset funding was allocated](#) to deliver Phase 4 Camden Climate Fund (CCF) projects between January 2025 - January 2028.

4. What is new in 2026?

Each year, the Camden Climate Fund (CCF) is reviewed to ensure that it provides support in the most effective way. Several updates have been introduced in 2026, including:

- Updated Climate Action project eligibility criteria, to support climate adaptation and resilience projects that deliver carbon savings.
- Allowance of up to 10% of a Business award to cover the cost of a feasibility study that has already been undertaken.
- Updated terms and conditions, application forms and a new FAQ document, to simplify the application process and provide clarity on the eligibility of retrofit measures.

5. What retrofit measures are eligible for funding in Household, Business and Community Energy applications?

Through Household, Business and Community Energy projects, the Camden Climate Fund (CCF) can support the installation of measures that are expected to reduce carbon emissions. This can include renewable energy technologies, low carbon heating upgrades or energy efficiency measures.

Households can apply for up to £15,000 excluding VAT for multiple measures, with a maximum amount available of £5,000 per measure (except for Air Source Heat Pumps, Ground Source Heat Pumps, and Solar PV which are eligible for £7,500 each). Funding is only available to cover up to 50% of the installation costs of each measure.

Refer to the table below for a brief overview of what measures are likely and unlikely to be funded.

Band A – Likely to Fund (Subject to meeting criteria)	Band A+ – Likely to fund (Requires additional details)	Band B – Unlikely to Fund unless part of a Whole House Retrofit (not as a single measure and ideally with a Band A measure)	Band C – Not Eligible
Solar PV Systems / Solar Thermal	Solar Battery	Ventilation (preferably with heat recovery) – standard extractor fan/unit	Green Roofs
Loft Insulation (standard mineral wool/fibreglass)	Solid Wall Insulation (IWI/EWI)	Door Insulation	DIY Measures
Cavity Wall Insulation	Secondary Glazing	Draught-proofing	Works to new build areas / as part of an extension
ASHP (air to water)	Whole House Retrofit	ASHP (air to air)	Works required under building control requirements
	Floor Insulation		Double or triple glazing
	Roof (flat or room-in-roof) Insulation		
	Whole House Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery (MVHR)		
	LED Lighting		

6. What is not eligible for funding?

- Green roofs
- DIY measures (e.g. DIY secondary glazing or draught-proofing¹)
- Works to new build areas/ as part of an extension (e.g. a loft extension)
- Works that are required under building control requirements
- Double or triple glazing
- Works that are not deemed to be energy efficiency improvements
- Maintenance and repair costs associated with existing systems
- Measures that have already been installed

¹ For further information on seeking energy efficiency support, see question 18.

7. Can you fund double or triple glazing?

For Year 2 of Phase 4 of the CCF, we will not be offering funding for double or triple glazing as these projects often do not meet the carbon cost effectiveness threshold that is required. We recommend exploring lower cost measures that deliver similar carbon savings including professionally installed secondary glazing or insulation measures.

8. How many quotes do I need to submit as part of my application?

In Household, Business or Community Energy applications, we recommend that you provide **three quotes where possible** as part of your application. This is to ensure you can compare costs and get the best value for your money. If you are applying for renewable energy technologies your installer must be [MCS certified](#).

If you are applying for energy efficiency measures through a Household application, your installer should be registered with [Trustmark](#). Specific measures require different accreditation therefore contractors installing measures need to be Trustmark accredited minimum and then hold the relevant accreditation for the measure where appropriate. For more guidance on selecting an installer, please refer to this webpage: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/installing-renewables/>.

Please be aware the funding does not cover VAT.

9. What types of individuals or organisations are eligible for funding?

Climate Action	• Community groups • Neighbourhood forums • Charitable organisations • Faith groups • Social enterprises and community interest companies
Community Energy	• Community groups • Charitable organisations • Faith groups • Social enterprises and community interest companies • Social housing providers • Housing cooperatives or residents' associations • A group of individuals seeking to form a cooperative • Residents who either manage or own flats in blocks
Business	Tier A: Small to Micro-Entities • Turnover of £10m or less • Less than 50 employees • Measures installed at premise located within the borough of Camden • Member of the Camden Climate Alliance Tier B: Small to Medium businesses • Turnover of less than £25m • Less than 250 employees • Measures installed at premise located within the borough of Camden

	• Member of the Camden Climate Alliance
Household	• Homeowners (freehold or leasehold) • Private tenants (subject to landlord approval) • Private landlords • Council leaseholders (subject to freeholder approval)

10. Can I get feasibility funding?

Feasibility assessments can provide you with tailored recommendations to help you reduce energy consumptions and costs.

As part of the £15,000 available to Households, up to 50% of the costs of procuring a Whole House Retrofit Plan or Energy Performance Certificate (up to a maximum of £500) can be compensated for if your application is successful.

You **do not** need to hold a valid EPC or a whole house retrofit plan if you are installing one of the following measures:

- Loft insulation
- Cavity wall insulation
- Air Source Heat Pump
- Solar PV

Businesses are likely to undertake feasibility studies ahead of installing energy efficiency measures or renewable technologies to understand what options they have. To support businesses to undertake these works, we have introduced feasibility funding in 2026. Where a feasibility study has been undertaken and you are seeking funding to implement the measures identified within that study, up to ten percent (10%) of the total funding award may be used to reimburse the study's cost. Feasibility support could include an energy audit or retrofit recommendation report. If you are applying to cover the cost of a feasibility study that has been carried out, you will be required to submit a copy of the feasibility study as part of your application. See full details below.

Tier	Type of business	Eligibility	Funding available
Tier A.	Small to micro entities or VCS organisations	• Turnover of £10m or less • Less than 50 employees* • Measures installed at premise located within the borough of Camden • Member of the Camden Climate Alliance	Up to £5,000 (no match-fund required) Up to £500 of the total award can cover the cost of a feasibility study that has been carried out
Tier B.	Small to medium enterprises	• Turnover of less than £36m • Less than 250 employees* • Measures installed at premise located within the borough of Camden • Member of the Camden Climate Alliance	Up to £15,000 to cover up to 50% of the costs Up to £1,500 of the total award can cover the cost of a feasibility study that has been carried out

You can also apply for feasibility funding for community energy projects. Funding of up to £5,000 can be awarded to support groups to obtain advice on an energy efficiency or renewable energy project. This includes elements such as consultancy fees, business case assessments or pre-application planning advice and retrofit assessments for flat blocks. There is no match-funding requirement for this award. If your project moves forward to delivery, and you seek capital funding to support implementation, the maximum award available will be £50,000 minus the funding that was received for the feasibility work. If feasibility support has been obtained, there is no required waiting period before applying for capital funding.

11. What permissions and consents do I need?

You may require permissions or consents to start the works of your project; this can include planning permission, listed building consent, and/or landlord/freeholder approval.

Camden is offering free pre-planning application advice to Camden Climate Fund applicants. This service helps applicants determine whether planning permission is required for installing energy efficiency measures. If planning permission is needed, we can provide guidance on your proposal before you submit your application.

[Find out if you need planning permission to install energy efficiency measures.](#)

If your proposal requires planning permission, we encourage you to get pre-application advice. By using this service, the council can check whether your application will be accepted, and advise on recommended changes before you apply. This could save you time and money, and increase the likelihood of obtaining planning permission to install energy efficiency measures.

For full guidance on how to obtain free pre-planning application advice, please visit the Camden Climate Fund Commonplace webpage.

12. Can I match-fund my CCF funding award with other sources of funding, e.g. the Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS)?

We encourage using other funding sources as match-funding for your project. Use the following resources to find match-funding opportunities:

- [Search for funding | London City Hall](#) includes funding opportunities from the Mayor of London and Greater London Authority.
- [Green Roots Fund | London City Hall](#) supports projects to create and improve green and blue infrastructure in London.
- [Funding Opportunities - Community Energy England](#) includes up-to-date funding opportunities for community energy projects.
- [London Community Energy Fund | London City Hall](#) supports the feasibility, development and delivery of community energy projects in London. Includes details of previously funded projects.
- [The North London Community Fund | NLWA](#) supports waste prevention initiatives in north London through micro, small, medium, and large sized grants.
- [Reaching Communities England | The National Lottery Community Fund](#) supports projects from voluntary community groups that help strengthen communities and improve lives across England.

Please note that some funding cannot be match-funded with other sources of public funding. Make sure to check the conditions of any other funding you are applying for.

For the installation of low-carbon heating technologies, you cannot apply for the [Boiler Upgrade Scheme \(BUS\)](#) and CCF funding for the same installation. Under the conditions of the BUS, heat pump or biomass boiler installations cannot receive funding from more than one source of public funds. You may wish to consider applying for the BUS as an alternative to the CCF.

Key considerations include:

- CCF funding only covers up to 50% of the cost of energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy installations, with a maximum allowable funding award of £7,500 for an air source heat pump. The BUS can offer £7,500 off the cost and installation of an air source heat pump or biomass boiler with no match-funding requirements.
- CCF funding is paid once works are completed and verified through evidence including an itemised invoice, photographs (before, during and after the works) and an MCS certificate. For BUS grants, installers deduct the grant amount upfront from any quotes, apply for the grant, and carry out the work if successful.

13. What projects can get Climate Action stream funding?

The purpose of the Camden Climate Fund for Climate Action projects is to support residents to deliver local projects in the borough that can demonstrate carbon saving potential and deliver wider community benefit. These wider benefits are outlined in the Climate Action terms and conditions, and each project should anchor itself within one or more of these themes. Climate Action projects will help support the delivery of the Climate Action Plan and borough-wide carbon reduction, as well as empower citizens to take the lead on their own local projects that contribute to making Camden a climate-ready borough. Project ideas may include:

- Local [tree-planting](#) schemes or other urban greening projects
- Communal [cargo bike](#) for housing estate residents
- Creation of a neighbourhood '[parklet](#)'
- Information sharing on behaviour changes to reduce emissions such as energy saving measures or the local economy
- Information sharing on how to make homes cooler and more climate resilient, including through de-paving front gardens and installing passive cooling measures like external shading
- Local active transport initiatives to reduce vehicle use in Camden
- Setting up a local flood action group
- Nature-based solutions such as local community rain gardens
- [Green](#) or blue roofs
- Repair and reuse workshops

Climate Action projects can be awarded up to £10,000 of funding with no match-funding requirement.

Climate Action projects will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Clarity and viability of project plan and budget
- Demonstrable direct or indirect carbon savings
- An overview of your communications and engagement approach and what methods will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of engagement activities
- How the project aims to improve climate resilience within the borough (if applicable)
- How well the project aligns with the priorities and actions of the Climate Action Plan
- How the project delivers co-benefits (full list included in the terms and conditions)
- An overview of how your project considers equity and inclusion, and what communities your project will benefit in Camden
- An overview of your evaluation and monitoring approach

14. I've submitted my application, what happens next?

If you have registered for a Commonplace account, you will receive an email asking you to confirm your contribution. Once you have done this, your application will be submitted. Although you won't receive a confirmation email from Commonplace, you will be contacted via camdenclimatefund@camden.gov.uk to confirm that your application has been received and is being processed. You may be asked for additional information that is required to make a full assessment of your application. This may result in a slightly longer processing time.

Once your application has been reviewed and evaluated, if successful, you must sign and return a funding agreement and notify the Council when the project/works start and complete. You can expect to receive an application outcome within 2-4 weeks. Works must then commence within the agreed timeframe as detailed in your Certificate of Approval letter. Beyond this time, the funding may be withdrawn. If your project is not successful, you will be informed by email.

15. I've completed my project. How do I submit evidence to release my funding?

Household

- Funding will be released upon satisfactory completion of the works.
- Camden Council must be supplied with a copy of the itemised dated receipts and clear, high-resolution photographs before and after completed works.
- If you have received funding for a renewable energy technology (i.e. Solar PV or an ASHP), you must provide a copy of your MCS installation certificate.
- If you have received funding for an energy efficiency measure you may be required to provide additional information. This could include evidence of the measure being lodged with Trustmark or a valid Guarantee or certificate which states the product / system installed.

Business and Community Energy

- Funding will be released upon satisfactory completion of the works.
- Camden Council must be supplied with a copy of the itemised dated receipts and clear, high-resolution photographs before and after completed works.
- If you have received funding for a renewable energy technology (i.e. Solar PV or an ASHP), you must provide a copy of your MCS installation certificate (your installer will be able to provide this)

- If you have received funding for an energy efficiency measure you may be required to provide additional information. This could include a valid Guarantee or certificate which states the product / system installed.

Climate Action

- If you have a milestone agreement in place, you must provide evidence for your final project milestone (details will be outlined in funding agreements).
- You may be asked to complete a survey and submit it to camdenclimatefund@camden.gov.uk.

Once you have submitted sufficient evidence for your project, it will be reviewed by Camden Council's Sustainability team. You will be informed by email that the agreed funding amount has been processed for payment.

We have a duty to protect funds from fraudulent activities and therefore any information you have provided may be cross-checked with other authorities to assist in the detection and prevention of fraud.

16. How many applications can I submit?

Climate Action	Community Energy	Business	Household
Only two successful applications are permitted per year from the same community organisation, and the total combined cost of funding for two projects must not exceed £20,000.	If you apply for feasibility funding, you may submit a capital funding application as soon as you have received your feasibility advice - there is no required waiting period between applications. The maximum capital funding you can apply for is £50,000 minus any feasibility funding already awarded. Only one feasibility support funding award and one capital funding award are permitted every two years.	Only one application is permitted every five years. Therefore, if you are considering multiple measures, it is advised that you submit these as part of one application.	Only one application is permitted every two years. Therefore, if you are considering multiple measures, it is advised that you submit these as part of one application.

17. Where can I find more information and support?

You can find further guidance and advice in the terms and conditions for the relevant funding you intend to apply for.

If you have any further questions or require additional support with your CCF application, please get in touch via camdenclimatefund@camden.gov.uk.

18. I am on a low-income. What other support is available?

If you need help with saving energy and reducing your energy bills, there are organisations and services that can help.

SHINE is an energy advice service that provides affordable warmth and health services for Camden residents. SHINE operators can check your eligibility for grants and discounts on your utility bills. They can also advise you on what to do if you are in fuel debt. You can [visit the SHINE website](#) to find out what support you might be eligible for.

Camden's Home Energy Advice Service provides free home energy advice over the phone and through home visits to council tenants.

This includes expert advice, talking with your energy suppliers, and the provision of free energy saving measures like draught-proofing, and low energy bulbs.

Call: 020 7974 6207

Email: EnergyEfficiencyHomeAdvice@camden.gov.uk

The Warm Homes: Local Grant is a new UK Government-funded scheme providing free home improvements - like insulation measures, solar panels or heat pumps - for low-income, privately owned homes. It will help these households heat their homes, reduce their energy bills and be well-adapted to climate change. This application portal is expected to reopen in spring 2026. You can revisit [this site at that time to submit your application](#). For more information, visit the [Warmer Homes: Local Grant page](#) on the London City Hall site.