



Call for project proposals on Decarbonisation 2019

Name and Surname *

Harry Whiteside

Name of community Benefit Trust / BenCom

(see www.community.falckrenewables.eu to check if you live in an eligible area) *

Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston Community Company

Your Position/Role within the Benefit Trust / BenCom *

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Wind farm *

Millennium

Location of the project proposal *

Fort Augustus / Glenmoriston

Title of the project *

Carbon Reducing our Community Caretakers

Brief description of your proposed project (no more than 200 words) *

We have been operating our community caretakers for 5 years, we now have a team of 5 staff who look after our communities. This is by cutting public grass, the cemeteries, fixing the fences, taking down trees, uplifting the leaves & gritting the pavements. Helping the vulnerable with their garden to sort out bushes etc. We have realised the amount of money we spend on fuel for equipment and that equals a vast amount of litres. If we can reduce this significantly, it means that we will be reducing the amount of Co2 & noise pollution we are putting into the atmosphere of the community. So we want to buy cordless equipment - Chainsaw/Leaf Blower/Lawnmower/Brush Cutter/ 6 Piece Power Kit. This will then tie in as a trial to see how these products work- as we are building 12 social houses for rent and we

want to have a lending shed so the tenants can borrow equipment to do their gardens and the 6 metre belt of fruit trees and bushes can be jointly looked after by the caretakers and residents. Overall the equipment will reduce Co2 and by planting Fruit Trees and Bushes this will reduce the Co2 due to the growth of the trees.

Total budget of the project and amount of financial support you are looking for *

The cost of purchasing the following battery tools we would be looking for a contribution of £4500 which would be appx 80% see budget sent separate Total Cost 5458.79
(Equipment costing sent via email)

Please tell us who will cover remaining costs *

Our own funds held by the company will cover the cost coming from either SSE or Green Highland Energy

Is the project start date set before 1 November 2020? *

Yes

No

Will your project have demonstrated results by 1 November 2021? *

Yes

No

Please tell us in no more than 150 words how you will evaluate the success of your project *

The community caretakers have been in operation for 5 years and we have the previous year's fuel bills so we can see how many litres have been purchased for grass cutting and we can work out the litres that will be saved and the kW used so we will be able to show the carbon reduction easily for this part. The working ability of the tools will show us if it is viable to purchase further tools once the houses are complete for the lending shed, if we help families have the tools for their gardens then they will also help to reduce Co2. It will also give the residents the equipment to look after the trees and bushes in the area. How we will evaluate the trees in reducing the carbon will not be so easy but by monitoring how well they grow we will be able to show the carbon they are removing from the atmosphere.