

Windfall funding to benefit sustainability projects in Carno area

2026 opportunity opens - for community groups to apply for grants up to £25,000.

Applications open on 23rd February for the 2026 round of the Windfall scheme - which offers grants mainly for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in Montgomeryshire. In this fourth round of funding, community groups in the Carno, Caersws, Trefeglwys, Dwyriw, Llanbrynmair and Llanerfyl community council areas only are invited to apply. For this round, Windfall expects to offer grants of up to £12,500, but might offer up to £25,000 if they receive an application (for more than £12,500) that is of exceptional quality.

Low-carbon, shared, community, and active-travel initiatives as well as educational activities in pursuit of sustainable development may also be funded. Beneficiaries in the past have included village halls and other community buildings, football clubs, energy cooperatives, training organisations and climate action groups. Successful applicants could receive a grant of up to 100% of the project value.

Windfall is the working name of the Mid Wales Community Energy Trust – a not-for-profit organisation that aims to link income from renewable energy with rural regeneration through sustainable energy projects. Grant aid to community projects uses money provided voluntarily by developers of energy generation and other developments. The current funding is being made available by Amegni Ltd, which owns the Carno Wind Farms.

Chair of Windfall, Andy Bull, said:

‘We encourage community groups in eligible areas to apply for this fourth round of funding. Windfall grants are making a tangible difference to local people, especially those around the Carno wind farm and those that operate at least partially in Welsh. Whether you plan to install renewable energy measures or develop other approaches to lowering your community’s carbon footprint - we’re open to considering a wide range of proposals.’

Sustainability charity Severn Wye Energy Agency is managing the grant scheme to distribute funds to successful applicants. Severn Wye’s Director for Wales, Dave Gittins, said:

‘This round of funding will give further crucial support to sustainability projects across Montgomeryshire. It’s always exciting to see what ideas come forward and to help local communities progress on their low-carbon journeys.’

Scheme details

Full details can be found on the Windfall website but the scheme is particularly looking for projects that involve: renewable energy generation; energy efficiency or demand-reduction measures; low-carbon, shared, community and active travel initiatives; and educational activities around sustainable development.

How to apply

Applications open on 23rd February 2026. Full guidance and application forms are on the Windfall website: www.windfall.wales

The deadline for applications to this round is 4th May 2026

Applicants will be informed of the panel's decision during the week commencing 2nd June 2026.

For queries about the scheme or the application process please email: grants@windfall.wales

Notes for editors

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