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NLCE Commits £1,000 to Launch Community Benefit Fund in North Lincolnshire!

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE — North Lincolnshire Community Energy (NLCE) is pleased to announce the launch of its Community Benefit Fund (CBF), starting in **January 2027.**

The group has committed a total of £1,000 to support local individuals, groups, and organisations whose activities align with NLCE's core values. The fund focuses on improving education, increasing access to sustainable projects/initiatives, and advancing energy efficiency, or retrofitting within the North Lincolnshire area.

It is hoped that this funding will enable the community to:

- Develop local skills and awareness around climate action, recycling, renewable technologies and/or energy conservation.
- Reduce carbon footprints through grassroots sustainability initiatives.
- Improve local the environmental of the local area, through projects and activities which benefit the community.
- Lower energy costs for community hubs through practical retrofitting advice, purchases (such as LED lightbulbs) or other projects.

This CBF offers seven mini-grants (5 x £100, 2 x £250) and is unrestricted funding, allowing recipients the flexibility to use the money where it is needed most. This is the first year of community grants, and we hope to see the fund grow as our co-op develops.

Applications will officially open in January 2027 and more information can be found on NLCE's website. If you would like an application and information pack, please email: grants@nlce.coop. Local community groups, schools, and eco-conscious individuals across North Lincolnshire are highly encouraged to apply.

About NLCE:

North Lincolnshire Community Energy (NLCE) is a community owned organisation committed to making an impact to local sustainability through rooftop solar installations; helping schools and community buildings reduce their energy costs, and supporting the transition to a cleaner, greener future across North Lincolnshire.

As an active organisation, we are keen to work alongside local groups and initiatives that share our values and align with cooperative and environmental principles.

Whether you are interested in becoming a member, exploring a partnership or collaborative project, or applying for the CBF grant funding, we would love to hear from you. Start the conversation today and discover how we can work together to make a positive difference.

Bringing people together to create sustainable community owned energy!

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NLCE is a proud member of Energy4All; a network of more than 30 community energy societies across the UK spanning solar, wind, hydropower and district heating.

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"We believe in the power of community. That's why we work to develop strong local connections and want to support projects and initiatives that resonate with our environmental and co-operative values with this fund."

Stewart Smith, Director, NLCE.