

Glasgow Community Climate Action Network Hub Funding Proposal for Consultation

This Hub funding proposal is for an application to the [Scottish Government's Climate Action Hub funding](#). The following proposal has been developed by the Glasgow Community Climate Action Network's (GCCAN) Network Resourcing Working Group. The working group is meeting regularly to formulate plans, taking into consideration:

- Scottish Government fund guidance
- The findings through the development phase so far, undertaken by the GCCAN regional network coordinator
- [Vision, values, aims and purpose of the GCCAN network](#)
- Gaining further feedback from wider networks
- Groups currently outside the network - laying the groundwork for groups to join in the future, especially considering the diversity of Glasgow's communities
- Other networks and stakeholders
- The future of the network and community groups in Glasgow

Hub Purpose- overall

This purpose and the following aims have been developed locally, but in developing the proposal and submitting a funding application we will need to be aware of the Scottish Government fund guidance.

- To support community groups to take climate action
- To work with community groups on the collective solutions to climate change
- To resource and increase provision of services, including signposting and working alongside other service providers/ networks
- To take direction from diverse community groups
- To support communities to contribute to local, regional and National policy setting and decision making
- To resource and support sharing and collaboration between community groups

Hub Aims for 23/24

- Raise awareness of GCCAN and the Glasgow Communities Climate Action Network Hub (GCCAN Hub)
- Recruit more GCCAN members and increase connections
- Set up structures for GCCAN Hub going forward
- Pay existing GCCAN members to deliver services as part of GCCAN Hub 2023/24 funding
- Identify elements for funding application for GCAH 2024/25 and beyond
- Assist transition from SCCAN staff to GCCAN network and GCCAN Hub if appropriate

Geographical Area

This proposal is for the Glasgow City Council area only. It will also be useful to also consider the three operational sectors in the city - North West, North East and South.

Audience

Although GCCAN has started with groups involved in climate action, engagement has been done into further groups including those who deliver other services and want to incorporate climate action; as well as groups who are engaged in climate action but don't yet recognise it as such. More information about engagement can be found in the appendix.

Hub structure and design

- To be part of the Hub funding proposal, groups have to be members or collaborators of GCCAN. The proposal for hub structure at this stage is a **dispersed hub, a partnership application** with an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). Delivery partners will be chosen by those groups which

come forward, considering the spread - geographic, thematic and demographic. We are still interested in your views, even if you do not want to be a delivery partner at this stage and we hope there will be further opportunities next financial year.

- This hub will be virtual and won't have one designated physical space. This has been decided based on the feedback from community groups, to build on existing infrastructure and reach out to a wide variety of communities.

As part of the engagement around this proposal, we are keen to identify those partners who want to be part of this bid and their potential contributions. This includes the role of lead partner that has particular responsibilities.

Three groups from the Network Resources Working Group have put themselves forward as a potential lead applicant, but the floor is open to any others at this stage too. The exact expectations on the lead partner are being clarified with the Scottish Government.

Services

The following have come from discussions with community groups during the development of the network.

Funding will be used for:

- Staff
- Resources
- Events
- Set up of any systems in the first year

Through local actions, groups will be able to access network member support by getting visits from hub partners and open days / networking events for supporting groups, in community venues.

Services / Deliverables 23/24

- Learning Exchanges
- Climate specific funding information and support - working with other service providers
- Linking and engaging with other networks
- Digesting ScotGov and GCC policy
- Facilitating collaboration and connection between groups
- Attending sector events and disseminating information
- Engaging new groups with the network and climate action (starting audiences)
- Event admin support for community groups and the network events
- Supporting event costs for collaborative events – access costs including appropriate childcare, community venue, paying facilitators, translation (e.g. Urdu, Gaelic and Mandarin etc.) Facilitators could be from external groups, from community groups or those with lived experience to share
- Supporting the network events costs – food, access costs etc.
- Network mailing list and social media

Possible Services / Deliverables 24/25 (extending from and including 23/24 services)

- Resources and collaboration on the website (e.g. Toolkit for groups - being more sustainable and Toolkit for groups - how to talk about climate with your community)
- Creative fundraising solutions e.g. collaborative funding applications
- Seed funding pot - resourcing collaborative projects, light touch reporting
- Lobbying support
- Engaging new groups with the network and climate action (expanding audiences) - focus on barriers to involvement and linking issues
- Sustainable transport contracts - cargo bike or electric van for use by groups
- Collaborative resources like energy and storage
- Climate change messaging support - communications

Timeline & Engagement

[SCCAN](#) continue to support the development of local networking activities and this Hub proposal for the remainder of this financial year. They have recently recruited a new full time Recruitment & Employment - Regional Network Coordinator along with the existing part time Regional Network Coordinator (here until Dec 2023). These staff will focus on widening engagement with the network, keeping the network admin going (e.g. organising network gatherings and social media) and supporting the hub applications. From 2024-25 onwards this support will need to be found locally.

There has been a wealth of community engagement to develop the Glasgow Community Climate Network (GCCAN) and now this hub proposal, eg until June 2023, 57 groups have been engaged with this process, gathering their thoughts about the network and potential hub resources. A further 14 are in contact and we reached out to 77 more groups who have yet to reply. Engagement has happened with service providers, networks and projects around the city, including Glasgow City Council and the Third Sector Interfaces. This survey and the event on 25th August (details in survey) are the next steps in engagement. As the hub application is developed, we can include previous engagement activity from partners that is relevant. Also engagement activity will continue for the rest of the year and will form an integral part of plans for the hub, thematically, geographically and demographically.

It is planned to submit the hub application in September 2023 with the aim to start delivery as soon as possible depending on Scottish Government approval, likely in November 2023. Note that the deadline for 23/24 applications is end of December and all funds must be spent by end March 2024.