

Community grants opportunity open in North Wicklow, North Kildare and Central Meath (<https://www.activelink.ie/node/113656>)

Community Foundation Ireland has announced a new grants opportunity for areas in north Wicklow, north Kildare and central Meath.

The energy company NEOEN has established solar farms in these areas, and has created a Community Benefit Fund to support local communities. Small grants will be available in a competitive open grant round to charitable organisations operating within 10km of the solar farms. To understand what types of organisations and projects can apply, please read the grants criteria **here** (<https://www.communityfoundation.ie/wp-content/uploads/NEOEN-Community-Benefit-Fund-2025-Grants-Criteria.pdf>).

Applications are invited from community groups operating within 10km of the following areas (click to view the location in Google Maps):

- **Hilltown, central Meath**
(https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Hilltown+Solar+Farm,+Hilltown,+Piercetown,+Co.+Meath/@53.5796055,-6.51703,12z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x48673fa2071b7907:0xa6288feb6887ebff!2m2!1d-6.4346288!2d53.5795319?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI0MTAyOS4wLWlKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D) (close to Cushinstown)
- **Hortland, north Kildare** (<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Hortland+Solar+Farm,+Co.+Kildare/@53.3882663,-6.8363859,10z/data=!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x48676319fa671bd5:0x8e9dcdb80159bdc0!2m2!1d-6.7901692!2d53.3813896?entry=ttu>) (southeast of Johnstownbridge)
- **Millvale, north Wicklow**
([https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Millvale+Solar+Farm,+Milltown+Ln,+Milltown+North,+Co.+Wicklow/@52.9958262,-6.190762,12z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m13!4m12!1m5!1m1!1s0x4867bb9ed17388ab:0x5451080c267e8b1f!2m2!1d-6.1083623!2d52.9958547?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI0MTEyNC4xLWlKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D](https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Millvale+Solar+Farm,+Milltown+Ln,+Milltown+North,+Co.+Wicklow/@52.9958262,-6.190762,12z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m13!4m12!1m5!1m1!1s0x4867bb9ed17388ab:0x5451080c267e8b1f!2m2!1d-6.1083623!2d52.9958547!1m5!1m1!1s0x4867bb9ed17388ab:0x5451080c267e8b1f!2m2!1d-6.1083623!2d52.9958547?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI0MTEyNC4xLWlKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D)) (west of Rathnew)

The Community Benefit Fund is open to initiatives that:

- Strengthen local community engagement, inclusion and development
- Support education, recreation, and cultural activities
- Enhance sustainability, biodiversity, and climate action

Grants from €1,000 to €5,000 are available for eligible projects that align with these goals.

Key information:

- The fund is currently open for applications and will close on Friday 7th March at 5pm.
- Please read the [Grants Criteria](https://www.communityfoundation.ie/wp-content/uploads/NEOEN-Community-Benefit-Fund-2025-Grants-Criteria.pdf) (<https://www.communityfoundation.ie/wp-content/uploads/NEOEN-Community-Benefit-Fund-2025-Grants-Criteria.pdf>) before applying. There is also an [FAQ document](https://www.communityfoundation.ie/wp-content/uploads/NEOEN-Community-Benefit-Fund-2025-FAQs.pdf) (<https://www.communityfoundation.ie/wp-content/uploads/NEOEN-Community-Benefit-Fund-2025-FAQs.pdf>) should you have additional queries.
- You can access the application form by logging into the Grants Portal (https://communityfoundation.smartsimple.ie/s_Login.jsp?lang=1&prole=0).
- If you have never applied for a grant with Community Foundation Ireland, you first need to register your organisation on the online portal. The [Application Help Guide](https://www.communityfoundation.ie/wp-content/uploads/NEOEN-Community-Benefit-Fund-2025-Application-Help-Guide.pdf) (<https://www.communityfoundation.ie/wp-content/uploads/NEOEN-Community-Benefit-Fund-2025-Application-Help-Guide.pdf>) will help you.
- Any further questions, please email info@foundation.ie (<mailto:info@foundation.ie>).

Region

Wicklow, Kildare & Meath

Date Entered/Updated

6th Feb, 2025

Expiry Date

7th Mar, 2025

Source URL: <https://www.activelink.ie/community-exchange/funding/113656-community-grants-opportunity-open-in-north-wicklow-north-kildare-and-central-meath>