

The Dudgeon *STEM* Programme

The Dudgeon Community Fund's *STEM* programme has been established to increase motivation and competence within the *STEM* subjects of Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics for primary and secondary school children up to and including year 13.

Aims and objectives:

The programme is targeted at encouraging pupils to go on and study *STEM* subjects in either Sixth Form or Technical College. The ambition is that this will provide a pathway into further education or employment areas that rely on *STEM* competencies.

Eligibility for grants:

The grants offered by the Dudgeon Community Fund for its *STEM* Programme are available for non-fee paying schools or other organisations which are delivering the National Curriculum or government funded education. Statutory activities that normally take place in curriculum/classroom time will not be eligible for funding.



Charities, constituted voluntary groups and other charitable organisations, provided such organisations have a formal structure and are accustomed to working with this age group, can make an application for grant funding. The Community Fund will also consider supporting projects that are co-funded from other sources.

All applications for the award of a *STEM* Programme grant must be for a *STEM* initiative which will be delivered to pupils in the Great Yarmouth, Breckland or North Norfolk districts of Norfolk.

The Dudgeon Community Fund aims to kick-start projects which can demonstrate that they will make a sustained difference for the target group. Support will initially be given for one year, with projects which achieve delivery success being able to apply for a further grant for the subsequent academic year ■

Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm and its Community Fund



The Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm is situated between 20 to 32 miles off the coast of Cromer in North Norfolk. It consists of 67 wind turbine generators (6MW) and produces sufficient electricity to power around 430,000 homes.

It is operated by Equinor from its O&M Hub in Great Yarmouth, and the electricity it produces is transmitted from its offshore substation by buried seabed export cables to landfall at Weybourne in North Norfolk. From there, the electricity is carried by onshore underground cables to the Dudgeon substation at Necton, near Swaffham in the Breckland district of Norfolk, from where it enters the National Grid electricity network.

During the lifetime of the operation of its wind farm, Dudgeon Offshore Wind Limited will pay at least £100,000 per annum into its Community Fund, and this money will be used to provide grants to support education initiatives for the benefit of young people living in the Great Yarmouth, Breckland and North Norfolk districts of Norfolk ■

Dudgeon Community Fund

Making an application for a STEM Programme grant

All applicants need to complete a short Expression of Interest (Eoi) on a form that can be downloaded from www.norfolkfoundation.com/funding-support/grants/groups/dudgeon-community-fund/; this enables applicants to demonstrate how their proposal meets the criteria of the STEM Programme.



Materials science experiments. (Image courtesy of Wastesmiths CIC)

Each application is then reviewed against the funding criteria after which applicants will receive a response from the Norfolk Community Foundation. Applicants whose Eols pass this initial screening will then be invited to make a full application.

A full application to the Dudgeon Community Fund requires a more detailed description of the applicant's proposal, and any supporting evidence including detailed financial plans, estimates of the numbers of pupils

who will benefit from the initiative and the way in which the impact of a grant can be measured.

On receipt of a full application, the Norfolk Community Foundation may hold further conversations with the organisation which will manage/deliver the initiative to obtain any additional information that may be required.

Full applications are then considered by a Decision Panel which meets three times a year, usually in January, May and

September. This Panel is composed of management from Equinor and an external education expert who will evaluate the application against the funding criteria.

Once an application has been conditionally approved by the Decision Panel, the Norfolk Community Foundation will seek to resolve any outstanding issues and complete all financial and legal due diligence to enable a grant offer to be made to the applicant ■

Funding criteria

The criteria used to judge all grant applications includes:

- Project objectives
- Evidence of need
- Availability of any other infrastructure or resources necessary for the project to proceed
- Costs, project delivery schedules, value for money
- Project organisation and management
- Identification and management of any risks which could impede successful project delivery
- Anticipated impact of the project on the beneficiaries and the community, and the evaluation of that impact
- Project sustainability and legacy
- Applicant's ability to deliver the project

Contact details and more information:

The Norfolk Community Foundation has been appointed to administer the grants awarded by the Dudgeon Community Fund and all requests for further information and the submission of grant applications should be made to:

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