

DUDGEON

Offshore Wind Farm

Operated by Equinor

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 pupils in school years 8-11.

Aims and objectives:

It aims to make those pupils more likely to enter post 16 education and go on to study or practice *STEM* at either a Sixth Form or technical college. If successful, this will in turn provide a pathway to further education in *STEM*, for example at University, or into 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/government funded education. 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 aged 12-16 years 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 be given for a maximum of 3 years; thereafter if the project continues it will need to do so without further support from the Fund ■

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 410,000 UK homes.

It is operated by Equinor from the Dudgeon O&M Base 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 £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.

Each application is then reviewed against the funding criteria, and applicants should receive a response from the Norfolk Community Foundation by the end of January 2019. Applicants whose EoIs pass this initial screening will then enter into a dialogue with the Dudgeon Community Fund team, either through face-to-face meetings or by telephone/email. This dialogue will help the team to decide whether the EoI should advance to a Full Application.

A Full Application requires a more detailed description of the applicant's proposal, and requires supporting evidence including detailed budgets, 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.

Due diligence of the organisation(s) making the grant funding application will be undertaken at this point.

This may include:

- Further interviews with the organisation's team who will manage/deliver the initiative
- Taking up references
- Input from external experts

Further details on the due diligence

process will be provided to applicants who reach this stage.

The applications which pass the due diligence process will proceed to a Decision Panel. 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.

Organisations which already hold a grant from the Dudgeon STEM Programme cannot make a new application in this round of grant funding ■

Judging criteria

The criteria used to judge all grant applications will include the:

- Project objectives
- Use of the grant funding
- 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 measurement 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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