Local Committees Climate Change Fund



Application Fund

Closing date for this fund: 16th March 2010

Q1
Name of Local Committee: Sustainable Redhill

Q2
Name and position held in the organisation:

Title: Miss
First Name: Rebecca
Surname: Harris

The name of the Local Committee submitting the bid

Committee submitting the bid

This is the person we will

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This is the person we will contact if we need information about this application

Q3 Provide the name and contact details of the organization that will receive the funding

Sustainable Redhill

Contact details as above

Q4 Describe the project or activities you are seeking funding for:

We are seeking seed funding to support a number of activities to raise awareness and generate support for the establishment of a Transition Reigate and Redhill movement.

We have a number of events we wish to organized, which funding would help support and advertise including:

1. **Draught busters** – We will hold a competition for local households to have their homes improved through simple draught busting techniques. The selected participant will invite guests to an 'open house' so that they can also find out what techniques and materials are used. We propose holding a series of these events across the Reigate and Redhill area for maximum penetration.

Briefly describe the proposed actions and the activities that will be undertaken

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- 2. Bicycle maintenance and safety workshop Working with local cycle groups, we will host workshops in Reigate and Redhill town centers to encourage and give people the confidence to use their bikes more often. We will also advertise it as a 'cycle to town day', to encourage people to ditch their cars for the day.
- 3. Free Fruit day People from the community will donate their surplus fruit and nuts to give away to the public to encourage community spirit and decrease the amount of local food that goes to waste. We will also coordinate volunteers to those houses where the tree owner is unable to pick the fruit or nuts. We also want to look into the possibility of planting more fruit and nut trees in the community, which will be managed and harvested by volunteers to give away to the community.
- 4. **Transition Town launch** We will hold a Transition Town "unleashing" event, where we will hold various reskilling work shops, invite all local food producers to come along and try to gain support for the movement.
- 5. **Film Nights** We will be showing a series of films at the Reigate cinema to raise awareness for issues surrounding sustainability and to encourage people to get involved with our other projects.

Q5 What outcomes and outputs will you be aiming to achieve through these main functions and how do they help SCC achieve its priorities?

We will increase the public's understanding of sustainable issues, thus inspiring them to take action in their own lives. Moreover, through workshops, provide local residents with the skills to take action.

The draught busting scheme will help reduce local energy consumption and will have a ripple affect across the region. We will increase the number of cyclists on the road, and

decrease the number of cars.

We will decrease the amount of local food that rots in peoples gardens, decrease the amount of imported, non organic food bought in the supermarket, and increase community spirit.

We will give people the opportunity to learn about skills they will need to have in a world with less oil.

All the schemes we have cited above will benefit community cohesion and engagement. The activities we propose will also contribute to reducing carbon emissions and the Transition to a low carbon world.

An outcome is the direct difference your project will make. The outcomes and quantifiable outputs you specify will form part of our funding agreement with you.

Q6 How will you measure your success in carrying out the activities and achieving the outcomes you have set out above?

Our reporting system will be relatively simple including the following metrics:

- 1. The number of houses that we have draught busted.
- 2. The number of buckets of fruit and nuts that we give away free and the number of additional trees planted.
- 3. The number of people who attend film viewings and the bike work shop.
- 4. The number of people who attend the Transition Redhill and Reigate Unleashing event, and support local food growers and businesses.

We don't want to create reporting burdens so do keep systems simple, realistic and informative. If you measure your success for other funders - could some of that information be used by us too?

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Q7 Please set out the project timescale and key project milestones

We intend to hold one event per month, building up to and gaining support for the Transition Town Unleashing event in September 2010. We envisage activities such as the draught busting and bike workshops will be very successful and as such we would look to run several events over the course of the year.

We will be requiring a brief quarterly update on progress and these milestones will form the basis of that update

Q8 Who are your key partners – and what type of relationship do you have? (eg strategic planning, collaborative working, community development, funding, service delivery)

The Transition Town Movement is key in providing us with support and training, in helping us to become an official transition town.

As a Transition Town we will work with and help support other local organisations in Reigate and Redhill, such as the Reigate Beekeepers, WEN, CND, the bike club, the allotment association, Growing Redhill, the farmers market etc.

We also have established links with local Borough council and Surrey County Council.

Please list the partner organisations you are working with and their involvement in the project.

Q9 How much are you applying for in 2010-11? £5,000

This should be the total amount of money you are asking from SCC in 2010-2011.

Q10 How will this funding help the project or initiative? What are the implications of not receiving the funding you have requested from SCC? What are the implications of receiving part of the funding you have requested from SCC?

Providing materials for the draught busting program, advertising for all events, creating a web site for Transition Redhill and Reigate, buying fruit and nut trees, paying for reskilling workshops, buying the films to show at the cinema, and organising the Unleashing event.

We currently do not have a funding source which is severely hampering our efforts to generate momentum for the movement. Specifically, we will not be able to do the draught busting program without the funding nor be able to hold the variety of workshops that we would like to.

Receiving part of the funding will mean that we get part of the job done. Something is better then nothing!

For example it may enable greater security, longer term planning, or to carry on providing a service that benefits other organisations and communities

Q11 Has the project received financial support from any part SCC (including Local Committee allocations) in the last 2 years? If yes, please give brief details.

Name of Funding	Name of Manager	Amount	When							

This information helps SCC to continue to monitor its support to Surrey organisations and promote collaboration between departments.

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Completing this form does not guarantee success when applying for funding										
All successful projects will be required to complete an evaluation form outlining the outcomes of the project										
I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information contained within this Application Form and the enclosed supporting documentation is accurate.										
Print Name: Rebecca Harris			Organisations and Status: Sustainable Redhill							
Signature:			Date: 11 th February 2010							
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11th February 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sustainable Redhill Application for Funding

Transition Towns and Transition Initiatives are communities that are inspiring local people to confront the inevitable impacts of Peak Oil and Climate Change, helping grow resilience and begin a community-led approach to lower-carbon-living.

From a single town in 2006, we have seen Transition activities begin in 28 countries with 300 "official" Transition Initiatives. Some 1500 more emerging or similar initiatives (like Sustainable Redhill) are also beginning to adopt some of the positively focused and transformational practices that the Transition approach inspires. We know from independent research that almost a third of people engaging in Transition have not been involved in any environmental or community activities previously.

One of the 12 steps Official Transition Initiatives take, is to "Build a Bridge to Local Government". The Local Government Association publication "Volatile Times" includes examples of how this is helping local authorities prepare for Peak Oil and meet their National and Local Performance indicators to achieve CO2 reduction including as set out in Local Area Agreements.

We are delighted to support Sustainable Redhill in taking this step and encourage the Council to support this application for funding.

Yours faithfully,

Linda Screen

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