

St Albans Greener Together Net Zero Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When does the Net Zero Fund application window end?

The fund application window ends on October 30th at Midnight.

2. Where can I find the Application Criteria and Guidance document?

The Criteria and Guidance document is found on the St Albans Greener Together Council webpage - <https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/st-albans-greener-together>.

3. Where can I find the application forms?

Both the Not-for-profit application form and the SME application form are found on the St Albans Greener Together Council webpage - <https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/st-albans-greener-together>. You can also view the questions before submitting the application by downloading the relevant application questions document.

4. When will I hear if my project is successful?

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application within 6 weeks of the application window closing date – 30.10.2024.

5. Can one organisation apply for multiple projects?

Each organisation should only submit one application form and detail all their proposed activities within that form.

6. Do all projects have to end by June 30th 2025?

The funding for St Albans Greener Together ends on June 30th. However, if your project is self-sustaining the project does not have to end. The Fund prioritises projects that are impactful and long-lasting. For the funded activities the majority of funds need to be spent within this time-frame but we can approve a short extension if needed.

7. My organisation operates beyond St Albans City and District, can I still apply?

Applications that can show how their project will benefit the people who live, work and study in St Albans District will be considered.

8. Please provide clarification of what constitutes a capital and overhead / revenue cost and how these costs will be considered in Fund applications.

Capital costs

Capital costs can be funded up to 25% (e.g. solar panels, heat pumps). There is flexibility of receiving up to 40% capital costs where it is imperative to the success of the project to invest in equipment (e.g. cargo bikes).

Overhead and Revenue costs

Project overhead and revenue costs can be included. We won't pay for existing revenue and overhead costs they must be linked as an additional cost to the project deliverables e.g. salaries for project staff, printing leaflets, venue hire, communication costs such as social media, speakers, facilitators, stationary, advertising spend.

We ask you please provide a full breakdown of revenue and overhead expenditure.

9. If my organisation or company is new and doesn't have a year of accounts, what would be required so I could be eligible to apply?

We would need proof to show the status of your organisation or company and the cash flow projection for the first year. We may also need to refer you to our finance department for further checks.

10. Would SAGT prefer to receive lots of projects asking for small amounts of funding or larger amounts for larger projects?

It's important that you cost up your specific project rather than try to make your project fit the grant amount. It's key that you refer to the criteria and guidance document to make sure your project meets the priorities and outcomes listed. We will review the projects based on that.

11. Do you need 3 quotes submitted with the application for capital costs?

You need to submit a minimum of one quote for any capital costs. You will be required to submit three if your application is successful to prove due diligence and best value.

