



Sustainable Economy Fund Application Form

The Sustainable Economy Fund provides grants for projects that will deliver clear economic benefits for Stroud District. We are looking to support projects that help people develop skills and access opportunities, strengthen businesses and local organisations, support vibrant town and local centres, encourage enterprise and innovation, and contribute to a strong and sustainable local economy.

Projects may also deliver wider social or environmental benefits, but applicants should clearly demonstrate the economic impact of their proposal. We welcome applications from businesses, social enterprises, charities, community organisations and other eligible organisations delivering projects within Stroud District.

Before applying, please read the Guidance Notes to ensure your project is eligible and to understand the information required as part of your application. This should help you complete the form as easily as possible.

Most applications take around 20-30 minutes to complete, provided you have the necessary project information and supporting documents available. We recommend reviewing the Guidance Notes and gathering any supporting information before starting your application. Depending on your Microsoft account settings, you may not be able to save your progress and return later. The deadline for applications for Round 1 is 22 November 2026.

Need help? If you need assistance completing this application, require an alternative format, or would prefer a paper copy, please get in touch. Paper copies are available from Ebley Mill Reception and Stroud Growth Hub, and reasonable adjustments can be provided where needed. Please contact economic.development@stroud.gov.uk

Paper copies should be mailed to: Economic Development, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 4UB

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Applicant Details

1. Organisation Name *

2. Organisation Type *

- ☐ Sole trader
- ☐ New start up business (trading under 2 years)
- ☐ Micro business (under 10 employees)
- ☐ Small or Medium Enterprise
- ☐ Social Enterprise
- ☐ Charity
- ☐ Community Organisation
- ☐ Educational Organisation
- ☐ Other

3. If you are a new start up (trading less than 2 years) have you provided your business plan?

Please email your business plan to economic.development@stroud.gov.uk or mail to: Economic Development, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 4UB

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. Organisation Address *

5. Contact Name *

6. Position in Organisation *

7. Email Address *

8. Telephone Number *

9. Organisation Website *

10. Is your organisation registered with Companies House, the Charity Commission, the FCA, or another regulatory body? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. If yes, please provide your registration number.

12. Is your organisation VAT registered? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

13. If yes, please provide your VAT registration number.

About Your Organisation

14. Tell us about your organisation *

Please briefly explain:

- What your organisation does
- Who it works with or supports
- How long it has been operating

If you are a sole trader or business trading for less than two years, please detail your business plan for the next 12-24 months.

15. Please provide details of any public sector grants or other funding your organisation has received in the past three years. *

Include the funding body, amount awarded, year received, and purpose of the funding. If you have not received any public funding, please enter 'None'.

Project Details

16. Project Title *

17. Which funding theme best describes your project? *

- ☐ Green & Inclusive Economy
- ☐ People & Skills
- ☐ Investment & Enterprise
- ☐ Sustainable Tourism, Market Towns & Villages
- ☐ Rural Enterprise & Infrastructure

18. Describe your project *

Please tell us:

- What you want to do
- Why it is needed
- What the funding will be used for
- How it will bring economic benefits to local people, businesses or communities

19. Project location *

Please provide the postcode or describe the area your project will take place

20. What is the total cost of the project? *

21. Amount Requested from the Sustainable Economy Fund (£) *

22. Please provide a breakdown of the project costs and how they will be funded. *

Please include the items or activities the funding will be used for, estimated costs, and any match funding or other contributions.

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Benefits and Outcomes

23. What difference will the project make? *

Please explain the main economic benefits and outcomes of your project. You may wish to consider:

- Business development
- Employment opportunities
- Skills development
- Support for young people
- Community benefits
- Improvements to local places
- Environmental benefits
- Economic resilience

24. Who will benefit from the project? *

Please include the types of beneficiaries and, if possible, the approximate number of people, organisations or businesses who will benefit.

Project Delivery

25. How will the project be delivered? *

Please tell us:

- Main activities
- Key milestones
- Partners involved
- How the project will be managed

26. Proposed Project Start Date *

27. Proposed Project Completion Date *

28. Have you secured all permissions, licences, approvals or consents required for the project, including planning permission where applicable? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not required

29. If applicable, please provide details of permissions, licences or approvals, including any reference numbers.

Accessibility and Inclusion

30. How will you ensure your project is accessible and inclusive? *

Examples might include:

- Physical accessibility
- Accessible communication
- Financial affordability
- Inclusion of under-represented groups
- Reasonable adjustments

Environmental Sustainability

31. Will your project contribute to environmental sustainability? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

32. If yes, please explain.

Examples might include:

- Energy efficiency
- Waste reduction
- Biodiversity improvements
- Carbon reduction
- Sustainable transport
- Resource efficiency

Monitoring and Evaluation

33. What difference will your project make? *

Please describe the outcomes you expect to achieve by 31 October 2027 and the economic, community and environmental benefits your project will deliver for Stroud district. Where possible, include estimated figures, such as:

- Jobs created or safeguarded
- People supported
- Businesses supported
- Learners trained
- Volunteers involved
- Visitors reached
- Environmental improvements or carbon reduction benefits

We understand that some figures will be estimates. Please provide your best assessment based on the information available.

Supporting Documents

34. Have you provided supporting documents relevant to your application?

Examples may include:

- Quotes or estimates
- Project budget
- Evidence of match funding
- Permissions or approvals
- Financial information
- Governing documents
- Letters of support
- A business plan (for businesses trading less than 2 years)

Please email your business plan to economic.development@stroud.gov.uk or mail to: Economic Development, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 4UB

☐ Yes

☐ No

Declaration

35. Has this project already started? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

36. Declaration *

Please select 5 options.

☐ The information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

☐ I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of the organisation.

☐ Any funding awarded will be used for the purposes described in this application.

☐ I understand that Stroud District Council may request additional information.

☐ I understand that successful projects will be required to provide monitoring information and evidence of expenditure.

37. Name *

38. Position *

39. Date *

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