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Your chance to find out more about windfarm grant funding in the Whittlesey area

Community groups and organisations in the Whittlesey area can find out more about grant funding available from a local windfarm development at an event in the town next month.

The Glassmoor Local Environment Committee has grants of up to £15,000 available to help groups develop projects or improvements that have an environmental benefit.

Fenland District Council, which manages the fund with a committee of local representatives, is eager that more groups and charities take advantage of the cash and has organised an event for people to find out more about it.

The Community Grant Briefing event is being held at the Manor Leisure Centre, Station Road, Whittlesey, from Thursday, November 8, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

The event is for community groups, organisations and charities located within or which serve people living within the catchment of the local windfarm development, namely Whittlesey, Eastrea, Coates, Pondersbridge and Ramsey Mereside.

Representatives of the Glassmoor Local Environment Committee will be on hand to provide an overview of the funding available, and information on how to apply. Attendees will also have an opportunity to discuss any project ideas they may have.

Grants can be awarded for a vast array of projects that have any kind of environmental and educational benefit. They could include school garden projects, improvements that save energy or water and projects promoting wildlife conservation, recycling or car sharing.

Funds could also be used for activities like nature reserve visits and awareness campaigns, or to purchase equipment made from recycled materials.

Cllr Peter Murphy, the council’s Portfolio Holder for the Environment, said: “The Glassmoor Local Environment fund gives community groups in the Whittlesey area the chance to help improve their local environment. The event is a great way to find out more and we’d encourage as many groups as possible to come along. There’s so much that the funding could be used for – the possibilities are endless.”

Grants awarded are usually between £100 and £15,000, although projects exceeding that will still be considered, and groups could receive up to 100 per cent of their project costs.

- Any groups wishing to attend the Community Grant Briefing should email Isabel Edgington, the council’s senior events and projects officer, at: iedgington@fenland.gov.uk before Friday, October 26.

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