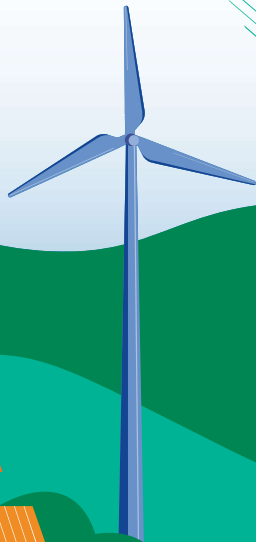


Community Benefit Funds

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→ Developer Requirements Community Benefit Funds

Projects that have been successful in RESS and ORESS auctions are required to establish a Community Benefit Fund with a mandated contribution of €2/MWh of Loss-Adjusted RESS Metered Quantity of electricity produced. Developers must also register the community benefit funds with SEAI on The Community Benefit Fund National Register. Non-RESS projects are also welcome to register with the Community Benefit Fund National Register. The Community Benefit Fund National Register ensures open and transparent fund reporting and showcases innovative community projects.

→ How to set up a Community Benefit Fund

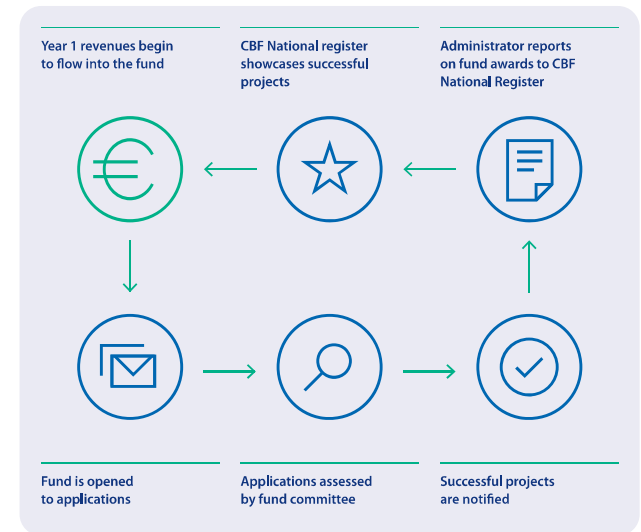
All communities and projects are different and therefore approaches may vary, but here is a brief overview of setting up a fund:

- 1 Engagement with the local community**
A Developer's early engagement with the local community can build support from the community and ensure they are aware of the project's potential.
- 2 Decide on a Fund Administrator**
A Developer can carry out this function internally or an external Fund Administrator may be appointed
- 3 Establish the Fund Committee**
The Fund Committee should be comprised of the Developer, the Fund Administrator and a broad range of local people.
- 4 Develop a Funding Strategy**
The Fund Committee will determine the Funding Strategy identifying ways to maximise the impact of the fund and create objectives to achieve this.
- 5 Develop the application process and advertise the fund**
The process should be open and accessible with an easy fund application form. The fund should be widely advertised with details of the expected fund available and application guidelines.
- 6 Award the fund**
Once the current cycle of funding is awarded to successful applicants, the Fund Administrator must report on the fund on the SEAI Community Benefit Fund National Register.

For more information see the [RESS Good Practice Principles Handbook](#) or contact Benefitfund@seai.ie

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→ Fund Timeline



→ Where can Developers learn more about CBF Obligations?

The exact CBF requirements for your project will be outlined in the Terms and Conditions of your RESS or ORESS contract.

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications has produced a RESS Good Practice Principals Guide on Community Benefit Funds⁽⁴⁾ and a Community Benefit Fund Rulebook for ORESS projects, available on gov.ie

Further information, including a user guide and reporting template, can be found on the SEAI Community Benefit Fund National Register homepage.

(4) [gov.ie/en/publication/5f12f-community-projects-and-benefit-funds-ress](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/5f12f-community-projects-and-benefit-funds-ress)