

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Liverpool Bay CCS Limited (LBCCS) Community Benefit Fund will deliver long-term investment in the communities that host the Liverpool Bay Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Transportation and Storage (T&S) Project.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

The Project crosses both Flintshire County Council (FCC) and Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWCC). Funding will be distributed equally between the two regions throughout the Project's 25-year lifecycle.

The Community Benefit Fund will be governed locally and managed by two Fund Management Organisations (FMOs):

- The **Cheshire Community Foundation** will manage funding for communities in the CWCC area.
- The **Community Foundation Wales** will manage funding for communities in the FCC area.

Applications will be considered by the FMO with decision supported by individual **Grant Assessment Panels** from each council area. Each panel will include representatives from CWCC and FCC, as appropriate.

Applications for the first round of funding will be open from **9 September 2026 to 2 November 2026**.

Funding decisions are expected in early 2027.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Grants of up to **£20,000** will support projects that:



Strengthen **community resilience**



Improve access to **learning and skills** development opportunities



Enhance and protect local **natural environments**



Celebrate the unique **heritage and identity** of communities across the region

The LBCCS Community Benefit Fund eligibility criteria will align with the existing themes for investment, focusing on three key areas: **education, environmental enhancement** and the celebration of **local heritage and culture** to create lasting benefits for local people and places.



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OUR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

We are committed to working alongside local communities to create a positive, long-lasting legacy for the communities that host the Liverpool Bay CO₂ T&S Project.

Through investing in **educational, environmental, and local heritage and cultural initiatives** we are supporting projects that deliver benefits to communities along the route of the Project including:

DangerPoint: An award-winning life skills centre that has received **over 136,000 visitors**, offering young people the opportunity to learn about safety in a fun, interactive way. We founded it in partnership with North Wales Police and North Wales Fire and Rescue Services and will continue to support the project by providing the buildings and additional funding.

Environmental Education Programme: This programme provides local pupils with free visits to the our Field Study Centre, the Gronant Dunes and Talacre Warren Site of Special Scientific Interest, helping them learn about the area's unique wildlife, habitats and natural environment, while encouraging their protection for future generations.

Safeguarding nature alongside industry: The Liverpool Bay area is home to a rich variety of habitats including coastal dunes, saltmarshes, wetlands and farmlands which support a diverse range of plants,

birds, amphibians and other wildlife. By using environmental surveys, specialist advice, and careful route and construction planning, We balance the delivery of vital infrastructure with the protection of the unique local environment.

Volunteering: Our employees are encouraged to dedicate their time and skills to a range of community and environmental initiatives. From supporting local charities and community groups to taking part in beach clean-ups and fundraising events.

Schools: Through educational visits, classroom activities and Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)-focused programmes, we work with schools across the region to inspire the next generation. These visits aim to inspire young people to consider careers within the energy, engineering and environmental sectors, and inform them of the role projects like the Liverpool Bay CO₂ Transportation and Storage Project play in the transition to a lower-carbon future.

Work experience: In July 2026, we launched a work experience programme, providing university students an opportunity to gain insight into the real working world. Working alongside experienced professionals, the placements offer students valuable first-hand experience of how large-scale projects are planned and delivered.