

Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation / group name: CHOISS - Cohousing in Southern Scotland
(1b) Project name: Cohousing: a community response to climate, fairness, diversity, affordability and social inclusion.
(2) Tell us about your organisation / group (what do you do?) (150 words maximum) Help us develop community led and cooperative Cohousing: sustainable low carbon buildings, healthy living, mutual support, fairness and affordability. We promote Cohousing to deliver inter-generational wellbeing and raise awareness about the multiple benefits that would result. We hope to lay the foundations for the first Cohousing community in Edinburgh.
3a) Please select the fund criteria which your project relates to (Select all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create opportunities for community leadership and learning on climate change <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce greenhouse gas emissions within communities and contribute to the net-zero target for Edinburgh <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Generate sustainable projects for the benefit of local people to build resilience or adapt to climate change within communities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Build relationships between neighbourhoods of different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds to work together on just, equitable and accessible climate and resilience activities contributing to the cities net zero agenda, also ensuring that activities work towards reducing or removing barriers for disabled people in the transition to net zero.
(3b) Tell us about the project you would use the money for. (500 words maximum) Research in three US Cohousing Communities shows that residents contribute just 10% of the US annual average greenhouse gas emissions - the 90% reduction required by the IPCC studies. Help us develop a Cohousing model for Edinburgh! We will hire a Community Outreach Coordinator to organise several collaborative events that develop mutual learning about needs among groups with protected characteristics (disability, faith, age). Through joint working, we will foster the leadership skills and enthusiasm for low carbon living among local and identity-based communities within Edinburgh. We will hire a person who understands how to communicate our developing vision

<p>and a specialist to advise on low carbon and sustainable design and construction, to initiate the creation of an 'intentional community'.</p> <p>We will also seek legal and financial advice. We will spend money on the open public events including room hire, external speakers and related expenses.</p> <p>We will develop a new model for resilient low carbon neighbourhoods adapting Sociocracy / dynamic governance - collaboration using consent based decisions.</p>	
<p>(4) Describe your project in no more than 30 words (this will be used for publicity)</p> <p>Cohousing - a vision for people to live in a supportive neighbourhood community, in sustainably built, low energy homes that remain affordable into the future. Help us make this happen!</p>	
<p>(5a) Who do you hope will benefit from this project? Describe beneficiaries / people who will be positively impacted by the project</p> <p>Over fifty people - drawn from very diverse backgrounds and from different parts of Edinburgh - both young and old, working and retired, neurodiverse, mobile and not so able, LGBTQI+, with children or not - will benefit from exploring a new / old way of cooperating in home-making.</p>	
<p>(5b) Is your group open to all? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	
<p>(5c) Will the project have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy and maternity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender reassignment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion or belief <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage or civil partnership</p>	
<p>(6) Where will the project be delivered? City of Edinburgh</p>	
<p>(7) Project start date: April 2023 Project end date: March 2024</p>	
<p>(8) How many people do you hope will benefit from your project? 50 directly / 250 in total</p>	
<p>(9) Is anyone else working with you on the project? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes, please tell us about this:</p> <p>We shall engage with at least one faith based organisation, one youth focussed organisation, an organisation supporting people with disabilities / neurodiversity and with an organisation that supports diverse new Scots.</p>	
<p>(10) Do you require permission from anyone or any additional insurance to carry out your project? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>(11) Please outline a breakdown of the cost of delivering this project (incl VAT)</p>	<p>(12) Do you have additional funding or income from charges which will contribute to this project? Detail below</p>

Goods / Equipment / Time etc	£	Member donations	£2,500
Community Outreach Coordinator	£5,000		
Communications Coordinator	£5,000		
Low Carbon Buildings Adviser	£4,500		
Public event costs	£500		
Professional Design Team Fees			£2,500
Total Expenditure	£15,000	Total Income	£17,500