

Hoopeston wind Farm / INGKA

Community Benefit Fund Application Form

About the wind farm

The Hoopeston Wind Farm started operating in 2015 and is located in Vermilion County Illinois. The project company is INGKA and Exus Management Partners provide operational services.

INGKA's community fund objective

The Hoopeston Wind Farm Community Fund offers funds each year to help not-for-profit organisations and local groups who are engaged in uncontentious projects that benefit the local communities of Hoopeston and the immediate surrounding area. INGKA would like to support activities that target environmental concern and children's needs. The activities supported shall be characterised by simplicity and wide appeal. INGKA's intention is to provide (co)funds for specific projects and not for general/ongoing expenditure of organisations.

Who can apply?

To apply for the fund an organisation must:

- Be not-for-profit
- Be located in the Vermilion County or the immediate surrounding area.
- Be able to see the project through to completion
- Be fund-raising and not relying solely on fund schemes
- Have its own bank account
- Be able to provide evidence that any funds awarded have been used appropriately and as described in the application
- Be willing to meet with a representative from Exus at your organisation to follow up on fund use.

Previous applicants are encouraged to reapply.

What projects will be considered?

The types of projects that will be considered include, but are not limited to:

- Workshops
- Training or support for volunteers
- Equipment or facilities that aid the objectives of the organisation.
- Community education projects
- Music, theatre, dance, arts, or cultural activities
- Local community festivals
- Craft work for local groups
- Physical improvements of community halls.

Information about the review process and when to expect a response to your application

The closing date for applications is September 30th, 2025. You will receive confirmation of your application submission. The management of INGKA will decide which applications for funds they shall accept. Management aim to make final decisions about applications by November 1st, 2025, and EXUS will aim to respond to all applicants by November 15th, 2025. Exus may request evidence of fund use from the applicant.

How to complete the form

Please complete all sections of this electronic form, paying attention to any guidance notes for each question. Print and sign on the final page, and send a copy to [CM]:

Via email: tmb@exus.us

Or via post: Hoopeston Wind Farm 36882 N 770 East Road, Rossville IL 60963

Section A: Applicant Information

Please fill in all sections of the table:

Name of Organisation	
Company/Charity Number	
Organisation Address	
Contact Name	
Contact's position within organisation	
Contact Telephone	
Contact Email	
Contact Address (if different from Company Address above)	

Please answer all applicable questions:

1. Where did you first hear about this community fund?

[Click to type your response]

2a. Have you, or anyone else, made a previous application to this scheme on behalf of the organisation?

[Click to type your response]

2b. If yes, was the application successful?

[Click to type your response]

2c. If yes, in what year was the application successful?

[Click to type your response]

2d. If yes, briefly describe the details of the project funded.

[Click to type your response]

2e. If yes, what fund amount was awarded?

[Click to type your response]

Section B: About the Organisation

Please answer all questions:

1. When was the organisation founded and by whom?

[Click to type your response]

2. Briefly describe the main aims of the organisation.

Include details of why the organisation exists, where the organisation operates, key members of the management committee, past achievements, regular activities, how many people are members of the organisation, the age range of members, and any charges for members.

[Click to type your response]

Section C: About the Funding Request

Please answer all questions.

1. Briefly describe the project for which funding is requested.

Include details of where the project will take place, the frequency of the project and if the funding is for a new idea or an existing project.

[Click to type your response]

2. How will the project benefit the local community?

Include details of who will benefit from the project and reasons why the project would benefit the organisation and the local community.

Also include any community consultation details or letters of support you have collected (this is mandatory for funding requests above [threshold]).

[Click to type your response]

3. If applicable, how will you ensure as many people as possible are aware of your project?

Is there a marketing plan?

[Click to type your response]

4. To date, has the project secured funding from elsewhere?

Please provide details of other funds secured.

[Click to type your response]

5. If you are applying for less than the project costs, or if [SPV] management agree to fund part of the total amount requested, how will the organisation fund the remaining balance for the project?

[Click to type your response]

6. What do you expect to happen at the end of the project?

What will be achieved?

[Click to type your response]

7. What is the budget, including a breakdown of costs, where available?

Please fill in the table specifying each item anticipated within the budget and its approximate cost, inclusive of VAT. Please add rows to the table if required.

If a quote(s) has already been supplied, please attach a copy of the quote(s) to the back of the application form.

For funding requests above (\$2500) competitive quotes are mandatory.

Item	Approximate Cost
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Total	

Please provide further details if applicable.

[Click to type your response]

8. Can the organisation claim back VAT?

[Click to type your response]

Section D: Signature

By signing this form, you agree that you are permitted to apply for funding on behalf of the organisation detailed in Section A. You also agree that you have completed the form to the best of your knowledge.

Signature

Date

Name