## **ORSTED Offshore Windfarms (Hornsea Three Community Fund)**

## Consultation 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 conducted by Grantscape

## Background:

Ørsted is committed to making a positive impact in the communities where they construct and operate their offshore wind farms and other projects. Ørsted has therefore committed to providing a Community Benefit Fund (CBF), worth £700,000 each year for an initial 10-year period from its Hornsea Three offshore wind farm development. The CBF is still subject to Orsted making a positive Financial Investment Decision (FID) to develop the site which is expected in late 2022.

The boundary for the proposed Hornsea Three Community Fund will start at the Lincolnshire/Norfolk county boundary and follow along a 5km coastal strip to just south of Lowestoft in Suffolk. In addition, there is a 5km zone which follows the route of the proposed electrical cabling that will connect to the main Electricity Grid (of which Mulbarton falls under).



There is £700,000 available for Community Groups for an initial 10-year period and those eligible to apply fall into the below categories:

- Community Activities & Services
- Community Buildings and Facilities
- Sports & Recreation Activities
- Environmental & Wildlife Projects / Public Open Spaces
- STEM Education & Skills (which has a separate pot of £100k put aside)

You can apply more than once, as long as it is not for the same project that has previously been awarded funding.

Grants sizes available:

- Small Grants £1k £5k
- Main Grants £5,001k £75k (requiring 20% match funding)
- STEM £100k

Applications open Summer 2023 and a decision is expected around November.

There is a 5-stage process to each application:

- Application submission ⇒
- Eligibility assessment
- Advisory group recommendation
- GrantScape board decision
- Decision notification