



THE LEATHERSELLERS

Responsive Grants Programme 2024

Current main grant charity holders are invited to apply to any or all of the opportunities below.

1. [Carbon Literacy Training and Certification](#)
2. [Energy Audit](#)
3. [Capital Improvement Grant](#)

As the deadlines and required information differ for each opportunity, you will find a separate link to register/ apply for each below.

1. Carbon Literacy Training and Certification

This two-stage carbon literacy training and certification is accredited by the [Carbon Literacy Project](#) and will be delivered by [Nick Perks](#).

On completion, attendees will have the knowledge and skills to lower their organisation's carbon footprint and explore cost saving opportunities.

Eligibility Criteria

All current charity grant holders are eligible to apply (one team member per organisation).

Timeline and Process

30 January 2024	Register your interest by 5pm
23 April 2024	Session 1: 9am-12.30pm, <u>online</u> session providing context and information on the impact of everyday business activities on the climate, as it relates to charitable organisations.
30 April 2024	Session 2: 10-4pm, <u>in person</u> session at Leathersellers' Hall, looking at what steps charitable organisations can take to reduce emissions and save costs. This will include tailored discussion on participants' challenges, and information on energy assessments.

Certification is dependent on attendance at both sessions. Session 2 will take place at Leathersellers' Hall, 7 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6AB. Lunch will be provided and support for travel costs for those travelling from outside of London may be available. Please see the online registration form for more details.

Register your interest [here](#), by 5pm on Wednesday 31 January 2024

2. Energy Audit

Energy audits will be conducted by [Inspired Efficiency](#), and will provide grant holders with an assessment of their current energy use, identify opportunities for savings, outline potential return on investment, and suggest a plan for prioritisation.

The audit report will support grant holders to make 'quick wins' through small changes where possible and will provide a clear evidence base for prospective capital funding bids.

Eligibility Criteria

To ensure that the audit will benefit our grant holders in the mid to long term, grantees must either:

- Own their own property; or
- Be in the first half of a 10yrs+ lease agreement; or
- Be applying for a non-property related grant e.g. contribution to a vehicle upgrade

Timeline and Process

30 January 2024	Register your interest
9 February 2024	Availability of audit confirmed
Feb-March 2024	Online consultation with Inspired Efficiency
Feb-June 2024	Half/ full day site visit, including discussions with key staff

Audit report with assessment analysis and costed recommendations to be provided within 10 weeks of site visit.

Register your interest [here](#), by 5pm on Wednesday 31 January 2024

3. Capital Improvement Grants

Consideration for a grant up to £10,000 is available to current charity main grant holders to fund/ partly fund a capital improvement*, which will improve energy efficiency and support the organisation to achieve one or more of the following:

- Reduce annual expenditure
- Reduce the organisation's carbon footprint
- Improve service delivery
- Improve working conditions/ staff wellbeing

* For the purposes of this grant, a capital improvement is defined as a durable upgrade, adaptation, or enhancement of a property or asset that increases its value or leads to cost savings.

Eligibility Criteria

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- Own their own property; or
- Be in the first half of a 10yrs+ lease agreement; or
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Timeline and Process

2 January 2024	Applications open
29 April 2024	Applications close at 5pm
7 June 2024	Notification of decision

A Word version of the application form can be downloaded [here](#), however please note that only applications received via the online form will be considered.

Submit the online application [here](#), by 5pm on Monday 29 April 2024

For queries, please contact charityapp@leathersellers.co.uk

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