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Grant applications open for Harwich community projects

- ***Local community groups encouraged to apply for £10,000 Galloper Community Fund***
- ***Fund manager Essex Community Foundation to consider applications and award grants***
- ***Applications open to groups until the end of April***

Harwich-based voluntary and community organisations are being encouraged to apply for grants from innogy-operated offshore wind farm Galloper's community fund to support their worthwhile local projects and activities.

The £50,000 Galloper Community Fund was established in 2018 to support communities around the location of the project's operations & maintenance base in Harwich International Port, Essex. Each year until 2022, £10,000 will be awarded to assist local charitable, educational and environmental initiatives.

Galloper Operations & Maintenance Manager, Sean Chenery said: "We are based in Harwich, with our team of 60 working from our facility within Harwich International Port, and we see this fund as one of the ways we can support our local area by facilitating worthwhile community initiatives that otherwise may not have had the funding to be able to go ahead."

The fund is managed by Essex Community Foundation (ECF), an independent charitable trust that works alongside a panel comprising local residents to consider the applications received and then award grants.

Caroline Taylor, Chief Executive ECF said: "The panel is particularly interested in applications that seek to enhance the quality of life for local people, contribute to vibrant, healthy and sustainable communities and encourage positive community activity."

"This fund is a wonderful resource to support the local community, so if you are involved with a community group or charity that is working in Harwich, we would encourage you to get in touch with ECF and tell us about your work."

To date, the Fund has awarded grants totalling £10,000 to support four organisations:

- **We are Music**, which runs the rock school in Harwich, received £2,000 to help them keep student fees down.
- **CARA (Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse)**, received £3,000 to provide specialist one-to-one support for young people.
- **Tendring CVS** was awarded £2,500 to recruit a part time co-ordinator of a new health and wellbeing centre in the town.
- **The Ark Family Resource Centre** is using their grant of £2,500 to run a mental health project supporting vulnerable families and children.

Interested groups can apply for funding online at www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk or if individuals would like to discuss their projects prior to application submission, the Essex Community Foundation telephone number is 01245 356018.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 30 April 2019.

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For more about the Galloper visit: www.galloperwindfarm.com

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Notes to editors:

Galloper Offshore Wind Farm is a 353MW project located 27km off the coast of Suffolk. The wind farm represents an investment of around £1.5 billion. It is estimated that the average annual generation expected at the site will be equivalent to the approximate

domestic needs of more than 380,000 average UK households.¹

Galloper is owned by innogy SE (25%), Siemens Financial Services (25%), Sumitomo Corporation (12.5%), ESB (12.5%) and a consortium managed by Green Investment Group and Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets (25%). innogy SE led the development and construction of Galloper Offshore Wind Farm and operates the wind farm on behalf of the project partners.

1 - Energy predicted to be generated is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlating to historical weather data providing longer term data. The calculations are based on an installed capacity of 353 MW. The energy capture predicted and hence derived homes equivalent or emissions savings figures may change as operational data are gathered. Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4100 kWh. This figure is supported by recent domestic electricity consumption data available from The Digest of UK Energy Statistics and household figures from the UK National Statistics Authority.

Essex Community Foundation is an independent charitable trust dedicated to improving the quality of life of people in Essex by investing and distributing funds on behalf of a wide range of donors. Since it was founded in 1996 ECF has distributed grants totalling nearly £34 million to local voluntary and community organisations in Essex to support their vital work. It manages 150 funds on behalf of individuals, families, companies and public agencies to help them channel their charitable giving in the most effective and efficient way, enabling them to support causes close to their heart and close to home.

