

Citizen Solutions to Sustainability Challenges

Community Grant

Information 2026



Background

Urban Prosumers project

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- **The aim** is to study and develop participatory models, tools and resources that cities can utilise in the development of citizen-driven climate and nature work.
- **Prosumers** = *producers + consumers* > how the residents can act in the role of both producers and consumers in the promotion of sustainable solutions, services and information.
- Three themes: sustainable **mobility, energy and food**
- EU's Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission / Horizon Europe
- **Duration of the project** 1 October 2025 – 31 March 2028
- **Website:** <https://projects.tuni.fi/urbanprosumers-fi/in-english/>

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Objectives

The community grant is intended for local experiments and solutions related to climate-resilient mobility, energy and/or food in Tampere, implemented by the communities and residents of the Tampere region.

European Commission's FSTP funding

= Financial Support for Third Parties. Urban Prosumers project distributes part of its own EU funding to smaller actors through a grant application. The community grant is awarded by Tampere University.

Community grant call

- **Name of the call:** Citizen Solutions to Sustainability Challenges community grant
- **Application period:** 1 July – 30 September 2026
- **Implementation period:** 1 February – 30 September 2027
- **Duration:** The duration of the community project max. of 8 months
- **Amount applied for:** EUR 5,000 – 60,000 per grant
- **Amount to be distributed:** Total EUR 180,000
- **Website of the call:** <https://projects.tuni.fi/urbanprosumers-fi/community-grant/>

Who can apply?

- **Non-profit organisations** (e.g. registered associations, social enterprises, NGOs, housing companies)
- **SMEs and micro-enterprises, start-ups, private entrepreneurs and cooperatives**
 - whose registered domicile is in one of the municipalities of the **Tampere Region** (Tampere, Kangasala, Lempäälä, Nokia, Orivesi, Pirkkala, Vesilahti and Ylöjärvi).
- The solutions and experiments during the community project must be targeted at **Tampere**.
- Community grants can be applied for by **individual actors or by consortia**.
 - The consortium must appoint one of the applicants as the lead applicant, who will be responsible for application submission, coordination and reporting.

Who cannot apply?

- public law entities, higher education institutions or other research institutes, large companies and unregistered associations
- private individuals
- entities subject to EU sanctions

What is the grant for?

Community grants can be awarded for activities that support the objectives of the Urban Prosumers project and produce one or more of the following results:

- **Practices, services or models** related to sustainable mobility, energy and/or food that benefit people or communities in Tampere
- **Technological innovations** that enable people to both produce and use sustainable solutions
- **New funding models** for communities' climate actions
- **New operating models** for residents' participation in the production and use of sustainable solutions
- **New information** on what prevents or enables people's participation in the production and use of sustainable solutions
- **New forms of cooperation** for climate actions between residents and local actors
- **Business opportunities and ideas** for the Tampere region related to sustainable mobility, energy or food.

What is the grant for?

- The sustainability solutions can take different forms. Get to know to some existing urban prosumerism examples on our website:
[Examples of solutions](#)
- The solutions and experiments implemented during the funded community projects must take place in or focus on Tampere.
- The aim is that community projects benefit a wider group of people than the applicant's own community.

What costs can the grant be used for?

a) **personnel costs**

b) justified **travel and accommodation expenses**

c) **other purchased services, work and goods** necessary for the implementation of the community project

- Personnel costs are paid only when directly related to the implementation of the community project.
- The grant recipient may also pay fees and compensation for work.
- Small-scale investments are allowed (see instructions).
- A single procurement may not exceed EUR 20,000.
- The eligibility of VAT costs depends on applicants VAT liability.

What can't the grant be used for?

Community grants are not available for:

- activities that conflict with Finnish law or are contrary to good practice
- racist or discriminatory activities
- the basic activities of associations and communities (e.g. general administration, continuous operations)
- food and beverage services that are intended for sale or include alcohol
- awards. However, small prizes of insignificant value are acceptable.

Applying for the community grant

- The community grant is applied by using an **electronic application form**.
- The form **opens on the project website on 1.7.2026** and **closes on 30.9.2026 at 23:59**.
- The application can be submitted either in Finnish or English.
- The form includes the **following information**:
 - Information of the applicant(s), contact details
 - Basic information about the community project (title, short description, theme, expected results)
 - Confirmation that no other EU funding has been received or applied for the same activity
 - Attachments to the application:
 - Implementation plan (up to 6 pages, preferably in PDF format)
 - Extract from the Trade or Association Register & Community rules (for all applicants, if consortium)
- In addition, the applicants are asked whether the application can be used for scientific research.

Assessment criteria

1. Responding to the objectives of the call

2. Novelty, feasibility and scalability

Will the project bring something new to the Tampere region? Is the idea or the solution new or is there novelty value? Is the planned solution realistic and feasible? Can the results be applied or scaled up to other environments or wider use?

3. Impact and sustainability

How does the community project take into account environmental impacts and promote climate resilience? How extensively and diversely will the project benefit local communities and residents? Is there financial potential?

4. Quality of the implementation plan

Are the goals of the project clear, the schedule realistic and the budget appropriate? How strong is the evidence of the applicant's previous activities and experience, as well as the financial capacity?

Evaluating the applications

- The applications are evaluated during **October–November 2026**
- **2-3 evaluators** per application: experts in their fields and representatives of the Urban Prosumers project partners.
- **The final decisions** are made by the General Assembly of the Urban Prosumers project in **December 2026**.
- The decision is based on the scores given by the evaluators, the thematic coverage and diversity of the community projects, and how well the application meets the objectives of the call.
- Applicants will be notified of the decisions **by 31 December 2026**.

Agreements and reporting of the funded community projects

- **Before** the beginning of the community project
 - a new project plan will be made on the basis of the implementation plan included in the application.
 - the community grant recipient and Tampere University will sign a joint subgrantee agreement.
- The recipient of the community grant **commits to**
 - reporting on the progress of the community project in a mutually agreed manner
 - participating in at least one interview or workshop
 - completing an electronic feedback survey
 - preparing a short final report in accordance with given instructions.

Scientific research on community grant call and community projects

- Tampere University and Tampere University of Applied Sciences are conducting scientific research in the Urban Prosumers project.
- Research data will also be collected during the community projects.
 - The role of citizens and their opportunities to influence climate action are studied through the community grant call.
- The following materials can be used as research data, for example:
 - Community grant applications and their appendices (with the applicant's consent)
 - Image, video and/or text materials produced and collected during the community projects
 - The project plan, final report and other reporting and feedback material of the community project
- The research information sheet and the privacy notice will be available on the Urban Prosumers website.

More information

- Application instructions: [Application instructions](#)
- E-mail: prosumers-haku@tuni.fi
- Frequently Asked Questions: [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (will be published after mid-August)

Thank you!