

Overview of community finance

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Community Energy England

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Putting people at the heart of the energy system

- Founded by the sector to:
 - Create a create a strong, unified voice
 - Build capacity and support sector development
 - Develop cross-sector partnerships
- 224 member organisations



Energy4All: Winners of the 2018 Community Energy award for Outstanding Contribution



Community Energy

State of the Sector 2019

Community Energy Overview

1.96 MW

Heat Generation Capacity

£978,000

Community Benefit Spending in 2018

168 MW

Electricity Generation Capacity

Generating enough electricity to supply **64,000** UK Homes



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Low Carbon Transport projects

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Communities Improving Local Energy Efficiency

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Energy Storage Projects



£978,000

Community benefit funding spent in 2018
on local community developments, including...

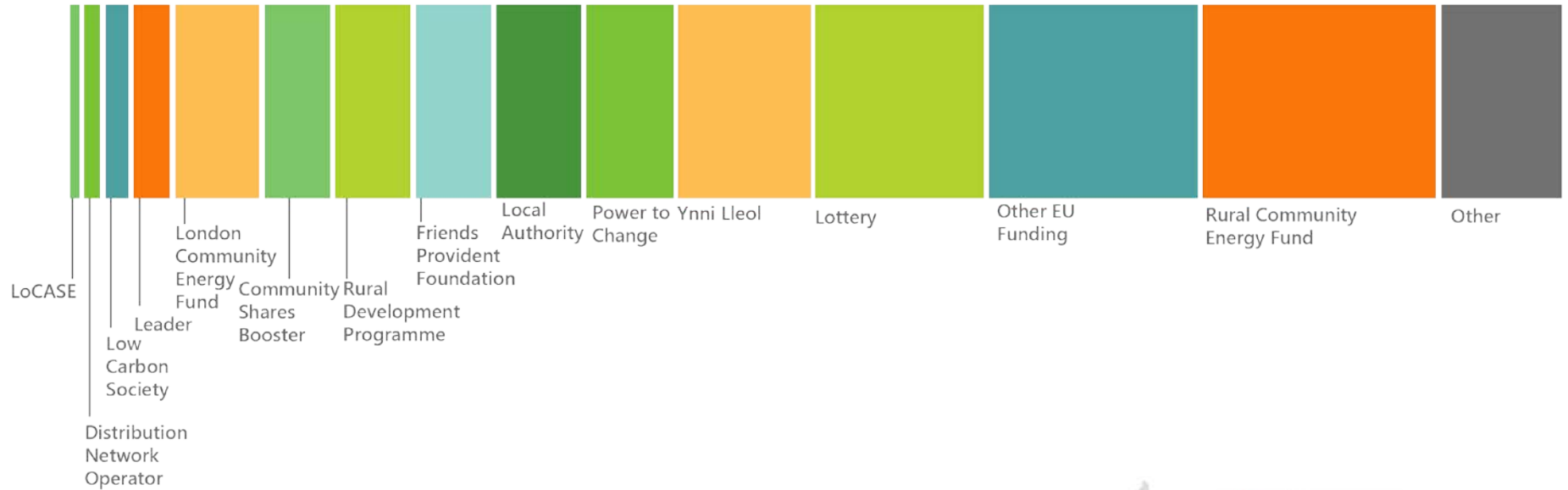
Donations Internships & Experience Job creation
Health & Wellbeing Grants **Education**
Reduced energy price
Income Local environment
Reduced fuel poverty Loans
Savings Technology Community-owned assets Governance

Community Organisations were found to be motivated by...



£2.3 million

development funding used in 2018



£40 million

Finance raised in 2018 to support community energy projects



84% ↓

Reduction in new electricity generation capacity

79% ↓

Decrease in annual investment value

Policy Impacts in 2018

Increased frequency of stalled projects

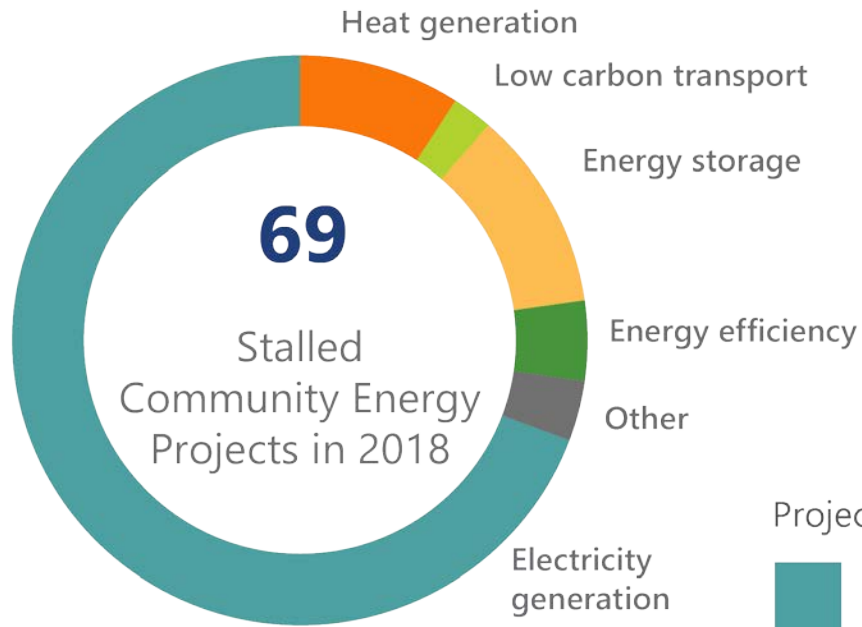
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Fewer new community energy groups

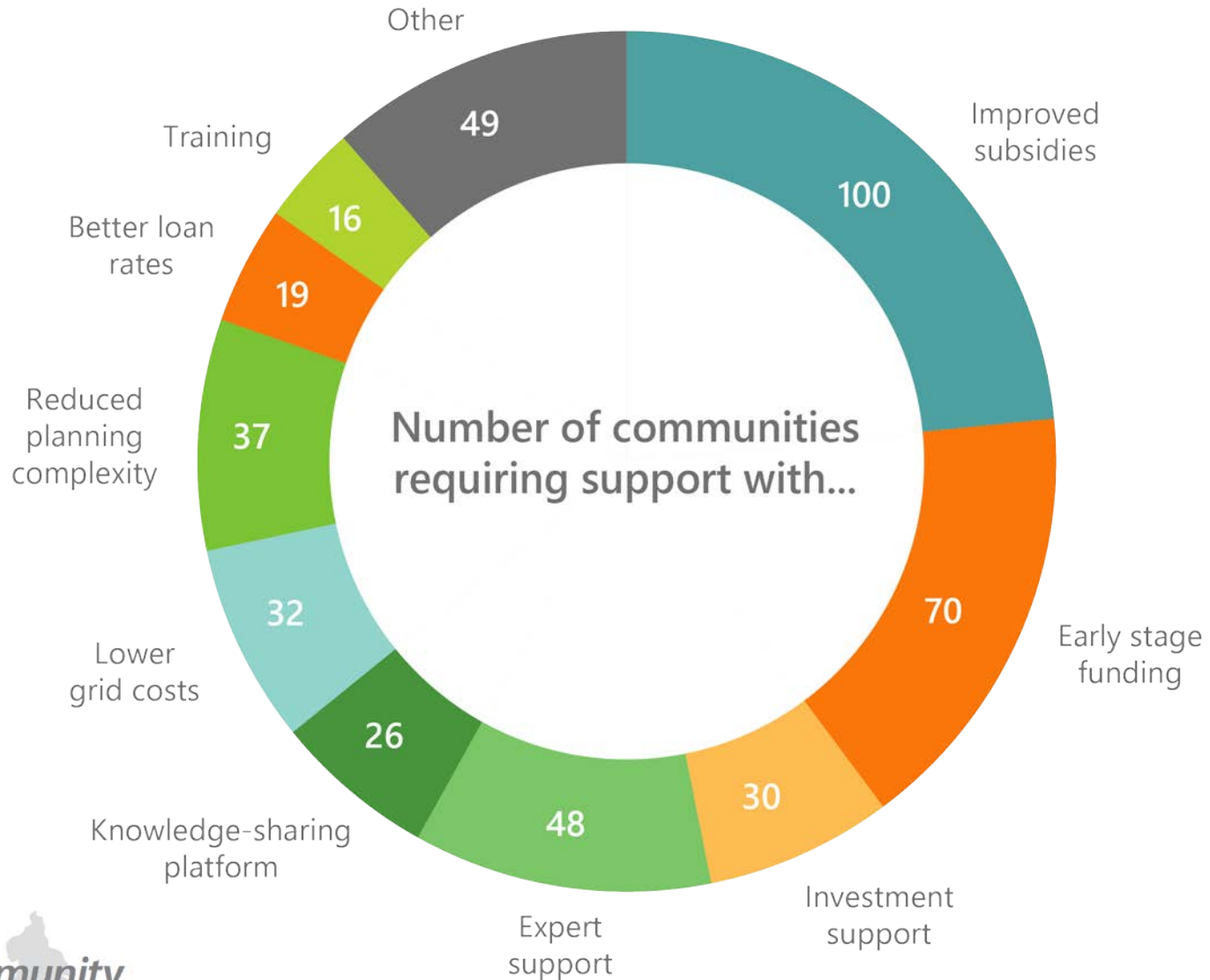
81% ↓





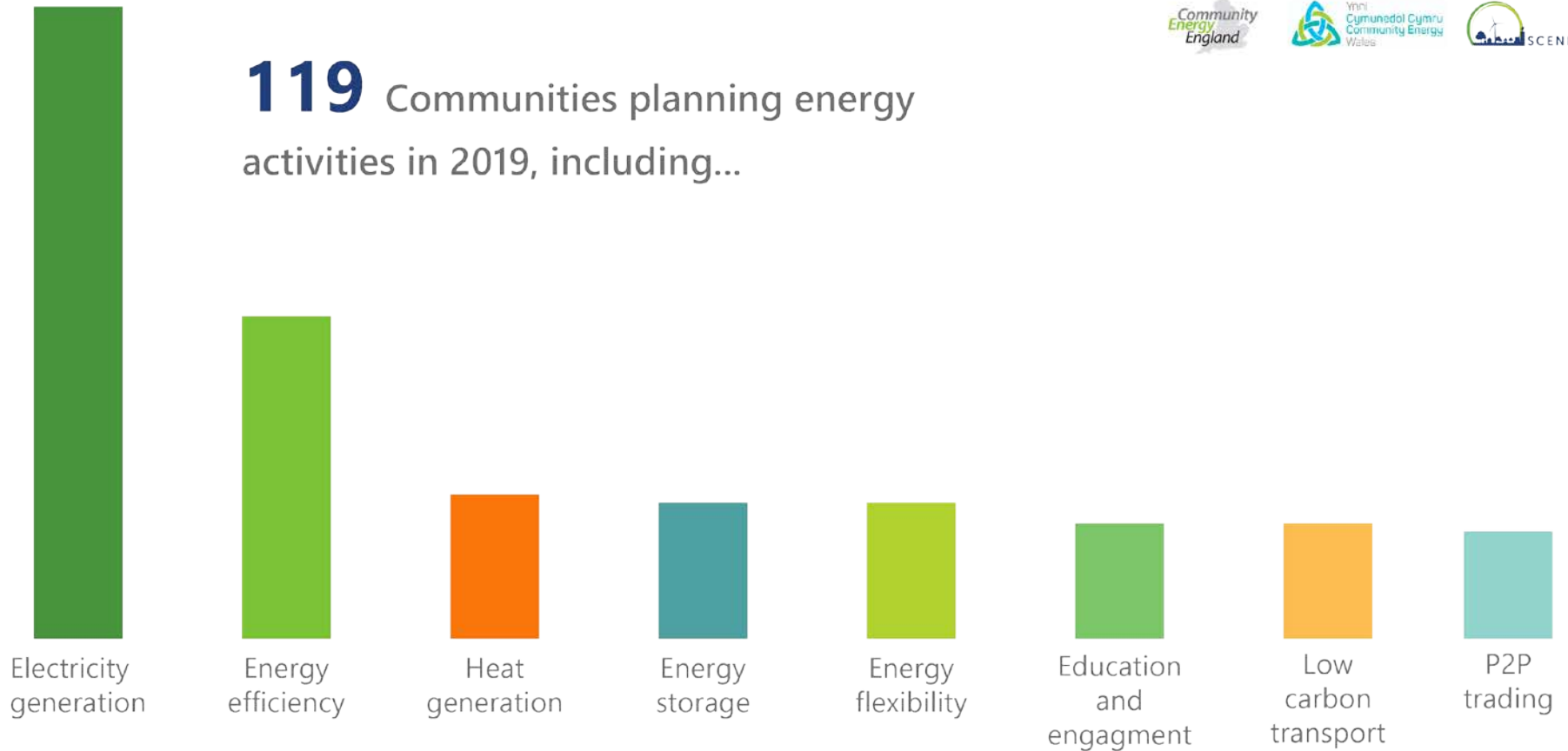
Projects stalled due to...





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Communities planning energy activities in 2019, including...



Why invest in community energy?

“Massive 500MW solar farm attracts some local opposition. If had offered a 50MW community ownership stake would be UK's largest [#CommunityEnergy](#) project with a considerable income stream for local community benefit - been shown to diminish nimbyism [#CEF19](#)”

[#communityenergy](#) broadens the ownership of [#renewableenergy](#) projects and will help us achieve [#NetZero](#) by 2050.

Thrive Renewables



"[#CommunityEnergy](#) is particularly attractive to impact investors like us because it brings social as well as climate benefits & retains far more economic value within communities. We believe it could play an important role in a [#JustTransition](#) to a [#netzero](#) economy“

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“CLIMATE CHANGE IS A MATTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INJUSTICE, AND COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACHES ARE THE ONLY WAY TO ENSURE WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT THE BREAKDOWN OF OUR PLANET'S CLIMATE.”
- ROISIN CONNEELY

[#PeoplePoweredFuture](#)
COMMUNITY ENERGY FORTNIGHT 2019
22 June - 7 July

Call to Action: Tax Relief for Community Renewables

82% OF PEOPLE THINK THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO MORE TO HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES GENERATE THEIR OWN ENERGY.

69% THINK THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CHANGE ITS MIND AND ONCE AGAIN OFFER TAX RELIEF TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO TAKE THE RISK OF INVESTING IN COMMUNITY ENERGY.



NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

COMMUNITY ENERGY AWARDS 2019
CITY HALL, LONDON - 18.10.19
#CEAWARDS19

<https://communityenergyengland.org/events/community-energy-awards-2019>





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