

Ealing Council



Ealing Transition: Renewable Energy External Funding

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Our aim:

... is to ensure that Ealing receives as much funding as possible from external sources.

The External Funding Team at Ealing provides advice and support to **Council** departments and partners to enable them to access external funding opportunities.

We provide assistance to the Council:

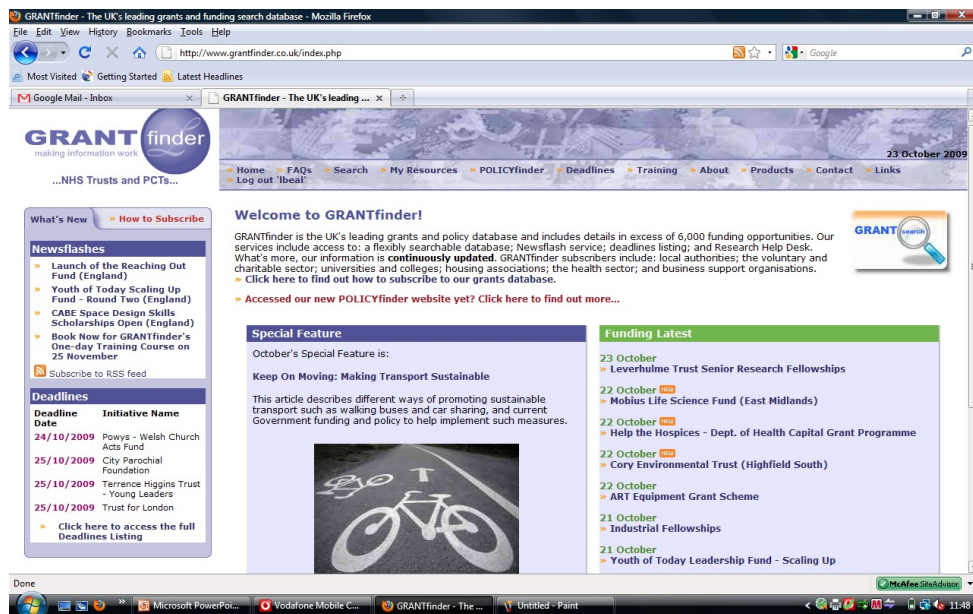
- Reviewing and identifying suitable funding opportunities
- Developing ideas and project scoping
- Supporting bid development and submission
- Help identify project partners and the bid team
- Role as a 'critical friend' - assistance with final proofing
- General advice and guidance on funding applications

Act as a first point of call for information regarding external funding activity across the Council

To hold key information about the bids under development and which have secured funding. This allows us to:

- Ensure coordinated bid development
- Ensure new proposals are aware of, and build upon, existing projects where appropriate

Gather and circulate information about new funding opportunities



The Council subscribes to an online 'Grantfinder' service – holds up-to-date information on around 4,000 funds, grants, charities etc. Regular briefings circulated:

- More sophisticated enquiries can be run
- External Funding team can give training in the system to Council officers
- Less sophisticated version – **Grantnet** – available freely online at:

http://www.ealing.gov.uk/services/community/community_grants/index.html

Coalition Position on Sustainable / Renewable Energy

Department for Energy and Climate Change

Annual Energy Statement

■ An annual statement to set strategic energy policy and guide investment was a commitment made in the coalition's Programme for Government.

■ Available to download from:

<http://www.decc.gov.uk/assets/decc/what%20we%20do/uk%20energy%20supply/237-annual-energy-statement>

Annual Energy Statement – July 2010:

32 actions in four key areas:

- Saving energy through the Green Deal and supporting vulnerable consumers
- Delivering secure energy on the way to a low carbon energy future
- Managing our energy legacy responsibly and cost-effectively
- Driving ambitious action on climate change at home and abroad

This sets the coalition agenda for funding and support.

Annual Energy Statement - I

Includes:

- Support for Smart meters
- **Commitment to keep the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) under review**
- ACTION 13: detailed proposals for taking forward the **Government's commitment to renewable heat through the Spending Review.**
- ACTION 14: **launch Community Energy Online in autumn 2010** to support local authorities and communities who wish to develop local renewable energy solutions.

Annual Energy Statement - II

- ACTION 17: The **Electricity Market Reform** project will issue a consultation document in the Autumn and a White Paper in Spring 2011. To assess the role that a carbon price, emissions performance standard, revised renewables obligation, **Feed-in Tariffs**, capacity mechanisms and other interventions could play in delivering a system that supports the delivery of a secure, low carbon, affordable electricity mix for the 2020's and beyond.
- ACTION 18: The Government will publish proposals for a **Green Investment Bank following the Spending Review.**

Annual Energy Statement - III

- ACTION 19: publish a **detailed implementation plan** later in the summer and consult on **revised draft energy National Policy Statements** in the autumn. This will include reforming the planning system to **encourage community-owned renewable energy schemes** where local people benefit from the power produced and allow communities that host renewable energy projects to keep the additional business rates they generate.
- ACTION 22: We have asked the **Committee on Climate Change for advice on the scope for a more ambitious target for renewables.**
- ACTION 23: We will **publish a renewables delivery plan to drive faster deployment through the decade**

Annual Energy Statement - IV

- ACTION 26: We are currently **consulting on a new micro-generation strategy** aimed at ensuring that these technologies reach their full potential to deliver low carbon heat and electricity in households and at community scales.

Other actions taken recently – both of the following QUANGOs have been abolished (body and function)

- Advisory Committee on Carbon Abatement Technologies
- Renewables Advisory Board

Support available direct from DECC

- **Environment and Energy Helpline:** freephone service - can provide up to two hours free advice for every query. Topics covered by the helpline include legislation, climate change, pollution control, packaging regulations and environmental management systems. Tel: (0800) 585794
- **Envirowise website:** complements the helpline with answers to more than 200 of the most FAQs and detailed datasheets: <http://www.envirowise.gov.uk>
- **Events and Workshops:** runs a number of events, workshops and exhibitions each year. A list of events, searchable by area, sector, issues and date, is available at:
<http://envirowise.wrap.org.uk/uk/Our-Services/Events-and-workshops.html>
- **Publications:** advice on a variety of resource efficiency and waste minimisation topics, case studies, Good Practice Guides, Newsletters, Benchmarking Guides and Tools. These can be ordered free of charge from the Envirowise website or the advice line: <http://envirowise.wrap.org.uk/uk/Our-Services/Publications.html>
- **Resource Efficiency Clubs/Waste Minimisation Clubs:** For more information on clubs, interested parties are advised to contact either the Environment and Energy Helpline or access the Envirowise website.

Grantfinder search – Funds available for energy improvements

GRANTFINDER-SEARCH-REPORT

Prepared by: GRANTfinder Ltd on behalf of: London Borough of Ealing

Search Name: Funds available for energy improvements
Conducted by: Calum Murdoch
Report compiled: 16 October 2010

19 scheme(s) selected in this GRANTfinder search.

INTRODUCTION
This report provides information on the funding programmes identified for your search entitled Funds available for energy improvements.
The search was conducted on the GRANTfinder database which provides information on over 6,000 funding initiatives and policy items.

SEARCH CRITERIA
Your search criteria were as follows:

- Applicant(s): Hospitals, Nursing Homes and NHS Trusts; Libraries, Public Amenities etc; Local Authorities (from County to Borough); Medical Practices; Museums and Galleries; Primary and Secondary Schools; Registered/Recognised Charities; Religious Organisations & Learned Societies; Services Provided to the General Public; Social Housing; Sporting Facilities & Clubs etc; Town/Parish Councils; Voluntary Organisations/Community & Parish Groups
- Purpose(s): Energy Efficiency Measures; Renewable Energy Measures; Investment in Low Carbon Infrastructure; Energy Saving Equipment

SEARCH RESULTS

- UN4270: [CT: ASHDEN AWARDS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY](#)
- UGCU10: [DECC: CARBON REDUCTION COMMITMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY SCHEME](#)
- UGW070: [BRE: COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROGRAMME](#)

Prepared interactive 'Grantfinder' report is available for those who have left email address with organisers. Includes:

- Summary and detailed information
- Links to website

Detailed information including:

■ Background to fund

■ Eligible Activity

■ Who can apply

BUILDING RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT:

Community Sustainable Energy Programme

Last updated: 24 August 2010

GRANT ID: UGW070

Reason for Last Update:

Following the publication of [Feed-in Tariffs and Renewables Obligation - Government's Response to 2009 Consultation](#), the funding provider is currently clarifying the State Aid issue surrounding the Community Sustainable Energy Programme (CSEP) grant recipients and claiming FITs.

Background

This multi-million pound scheme to help communities become more energy efficient and ease the financial impact of rising energy costs has been announced by the Big Lottery Fund. Sustainable energy specialists, Building Research Establishment (BRE), will enable communities across England to reduce their carbon footprint. BRE will manage the scheme as an award partner of the Big Lottery Fund to help local organisations tackle pivotal environmental issues by becoming more energy efficient.

The award comes from The Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme. The programme aims to improve rural and urban environments and enable communities across England to lead healthier and more environmentally sustainable lifestyles.

Objectives of the Scheme

The programme will help community-based organisations in England to reduce their energy bills and environmental impact, as well as raising public awareness of climate change and how to tackle it.

Available Funding/Support

Two types of grant are available: Capital and Project Development:

- The maximum Capital Grant available is £50,000 or 50% of the project cost (whichever is lower).
- The maximum Project Development Grant available is £5,000 or 75% of the project cost (whichever is lower).

Match Funding

Applicants will be required to contribute between 25% and 50% of the necessary costs of their project, either from their own resources or from elsewhere.

Eligible Activities

Capital Grants are available for the purchase and installation of any of the technologies listed below, along with various energy efficiency measures, including cavity wall insulation, loft insulation, heating and lighting controls.

- Solar photovoltaics.
- Solar thermal hot water.
- Wind turbines.
- Ground source heat pumps/air source heat pumps.
- Automated wood pellet stoves.
- Wood fuelled boiler systems.
- Micro-hydro turbines.
- Energy efficiency measures.

Project Development Grants are available for studies investigating the feasibility of installing the above-mentioned technologies.

Who Can Apply

Grants will only be awarded to eligible non-for-profit community-based organisations in England. These include:

- community groups governed by a written constitution;
- registered charities and trusts;
- parish councils;
- schools and colleges;
- companies with a charitable purpose and community focus;
- mutual societies;

Community Sustainable Energy Programme

Outline: To help community-based organisations in England to reduce their energy bills and environmental impact, as well as raising public awareness of climate change and how to tackle it.

Eligible Costs: Installing small-scale energy efficient technology such as wind turbines or solar panels, building insulation and feasibility studies

Funding/Support: Capital Grants of up to £50,000 or 50% of costs and project Development Grants of up to £5,000 or 75% of costs

Match Funding: 25% and 50% of the overall project costs

Available to: Registered charities and trusts, community groups, parish councils, schools and colleges, social enterprises, mutual societies and youth organisations

The scheme has quarterly deadlines

E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund

Outline: Funding to support community energy projects which either result in the production of energy from a sustainable source or which reduce the amount of energy.

Eligible Costs: Funding must be used for the purchase and implementation of capital equipment, physical measures and associated direct costs only.

Funding/Support: Grants of up to £20,000 are available, for up to 90% of project costs

Match Funding: E.ON must be the sole corporate sponsor of the project, however, applications from projects supported by joint funding from matching public sector funding are accepted

Available to: Not-for-profit organisations, charities and community groups including schools, local and national charities.

Deadlines: 2 April and 8 October 2010

Carbon Trust: Energy Saving Support

Outline: Provision of information, advice, practical help and financial support designed to stimulate energy efficiency improvements for businesses and public sector organisations and to disseminate best practice throughout the UK.

Eligible Costs: Design advice, energy surveys, capital investment, site surveys.

Funding/Support: A range of support and advice is available including: Interest free loans of between £3,000 and £500,000 for SMEs; design advice on energy efficient building and free energy surveys for organisations with £50,000 plus energy bills .

Match Funding: Not usually required, applications are assessed on their merits

Available to: Businesses and other private sector organisations and public sector organisations including housing associations

Available at any time.

DECC – Feed-In Tariff Scheme

Outline: This scheme requires energy suppliers in the UK to make regular payments to householders and communities who generate their own electricity from renewable or low carbon sources such as solar electricity (PV) panels or wind turbines. It came into effect on 1 April 2010. The tariffs available and the process for receiving them vary, depending on when the technology was installed, and whether the system and the installer were certificated under the Micro generation Certification Scheme (MCS).

Funding/Support: A set rate paid by the energy supplier for each unit of electricity generated, plus a further 3p/kWh for each unit exported back to the electricity grid.

Match Funding: Not usually required, applications are assessed on their merits

Available to: Householders and communities with eligible, small-scale renewable electricity and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) units - up to 5 Mega Watts.

Further information is available on the Energy Saving Trust website at:

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Generate-your-own-energy/Sell-your-own-energy/Feed-in-Tariff-Clean-E>



Feed-in Tariffs

Generate
low-carbon
electricity at
home and
earn money

Available for download from
the Energy Saving Trust:

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org>.

Green Energy Trust

Outline: The aims and objectives of the Green Energy Trust are to assist in the creation of new renewable electricity sources, and promote education in the community regarding new renewable energy generation. .

Eligible Costs: Projects are supported that advance renewable energy, ie result in the production of renewable electricity or heat, and support communities through education and public engagement – support is not available for feasibility studies.

Funding/Support: The Trust can provide up to 50% of the project costs, up to a maximum of £25,000, although most projects receive £10,000.

Match Funding: Not stipulated.

Available to: Not-for-profit organisations.

Meets 3 x year to consider applications - first week of April, September and December. Apps submitted at least 7 weeks in advance.

Salix Energy Finance Scheme

Outline: Interest-free match funding and loans to the UK public sector to invest in energy efficiency measures and technologies that will reduce carbon emissions. The company works with local government, the NHS, universities and central government.

Eligible Costs: Measures leading to CO2 and revenue benefits, preferably offering long-term CO2 savings.

Funding/Support: Interest free match funding of approximately £250,000 (exceptionally up to £500,000). Loans targeted at specific projects are also available.

Match Funding: Match funding is required for all schemes, except where stated otherwise.

Deadline(s) vary depending on programme

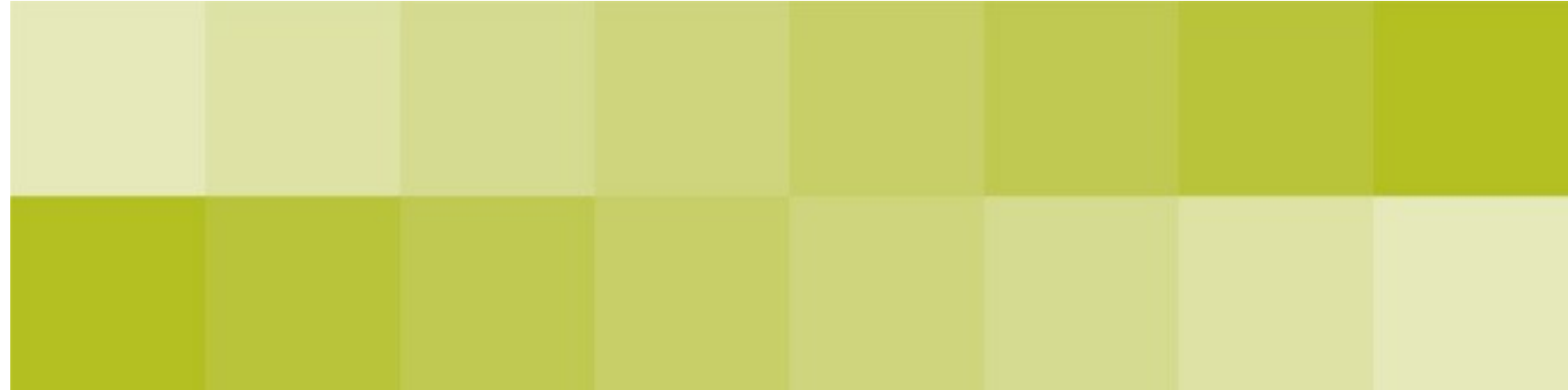
Planning a funding proposal – General Points

- Don't start writing a funding proposal before you have done the necessary research, thinking and planning!
- The funding proposal forms the basis of your relationship with a funder. If the funder can see that it has been written without careful thought and planning, the relationship may be a very short one!
- Deadlines: You should check with the funder and make your application well beforehand.
- Illustrate the strength of your case by using facts and figures - A couple of relevant facts can be far more effective than two paragraphs of argument.
- You should be aware that, after making a bid, it may take several months before you hear about any outcome.

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When writing your bid, keep in mind SMART criteria:

- **Specific:** Objectives should specify what they want to achieve
- **Measurable:** You should be able to measure whether you are meeting the objectives.
- **Achievable:** Are your objectives achievable and attainable?
- **Realistic:** Can you realistically achieve your objectives with the resources available?
- **Time:** When do you want to achieve the set objectives by?



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