

GRANTFINDER SEARCH REPORT



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

Search Name: Funds available for energy improvements

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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:

<input type="checkbox"/>	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
<input type="checkbox"/>	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
UGP520	CS: E.ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND
UGA370	CT: EAGA PARTNERSHIP CHARITABLE TRUST
UGU530	CARBON TRUST: ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUSINESS LOANS
UN0380	CARBON TRUST: ENERGY SAVING SUPPORT
UG5780	CT: ENERGY SAVING TRUST - ENERGY SERVICES
UA3150	CT: ENERGY SAVING TRUST - PRACTICAL HELP SERVICE
UG1160	DECC: ENVIROWISE

ZI0760	EC: EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK - INDIVIDUAL LOANS
UGCV90	DECC: FEED-IN TARIFF SCHEME
UGQ420	CT: GREEN ENERGY TRUST
UG2040	CT: GROUNDWORK - GROUNDWORK PROGRAMMES
UGBG90	LG: HEATHROW COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT LARGE GRANTS AWARDS
UGT690	CARBON TRUST: SALIX ENERGY FINANCE SCHEME
UGK000	CT: SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY PEOPLE TRUST
UI5550	CT: TSELF - THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE LOAN FUND
UG4420	DEFRA: WARM FRONT (ENGLAND)

CHARITABLE TRUSTS:

Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy

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Last updated: 06 July 2010

GRANT ID: UN4270

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Grant, Award
Scheme Outline	The awards recognise outstanding renewable energy projects in the UK and the developing world. They aim to promote the widespread use of local, sustainable energy, because of the environmental, social and economic benefits which it can provide.
Eligible Costs	Not applicable
Funding/Support	Award funds vary between £10,000 and £40,000
Match Funding	Not applicable

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Businesses, local authorities, charities, schools and organisations promoting behavioural change are eligible to enter. The judges are likely to favour smaller organisations for whom the Award would make a real difference
Location	United Kingdom and developing countries

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	Deadlines for the 2011 Awards: International Awards: 19 October 2010; UK Awards: 26 October 2010
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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:

Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy

Last updated: 06 July 2010

GRANT ID: UN4270

Reason for Last Update:

The 2011 UK and International Awards are now open to applications.

Background

The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy reward outstanding and innovative renewable energy projects in developing countries and in the UK.

The Awards were created in 2001 by the Ashden Trust, one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts.

Objectives of the Scheme

The aim of the Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy is to promote the widespread use of local, sustainable energy, because of the environmental, social and economic benefits which it can provide. The Awards reward achievement and provide funding for future developments.

Through the awards scheme and related activities, the Ashden Awards aim to persuade policy makers, funders and the wider public to recognise renewable energy efficiency as a crucial tool for addressing the urgent global issues of climate change, pollution and energy supply, as well as the social and economic needs of local communities across the globe.

Available Funding/Support

The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy are made through two separate awards programmes: Ashden International Awards and Ashden UK Awards:

Ashden International Awards

In 2011, there will be five international awards of £20,000 each, and one Ashden Gold Award of £40,000.

Ashden UK Awards

The UK Awards offer five individual prizes of up to £10,000, and an overall UK Gold Award of £20,000.

Match Funding

Match funding is not a requirement for a project to successfully obtain an Award.

Award Categories

Ashden International Award

The judges will be looking for schemes that are technically rigorous, have an element of innovation and — most importantly — make a genuine difference to local peoples' lives, both socially and economically. This may include, for example, boosting local peoples' income, providing employment or training, installing lighting for schoolwork and even improving women's status in their community.

Ashden UK Award

The judges will be looking for ground-breaking initiatives that can share their hard-won success and get wider recognition for it.

Projects which find new ways to produce or roll out renewable energy, accelerate behaviour change on energy use, tackle fuel poverty, spread energy efficiency or promote sustainable energy at the local level, may qualify for a UK awards.

Who Can Apply

Ashden International Award

Businesses, NGOs, social enterprises and government organisations working in developing economies (which do not have developed world standards of living), such as Africa, Latin America and southern and eastern Asia are all eligible to apply.

Ashden UK Award

The following organisations are eligible to apply:

- **Businesses** that have made local renewable energy and energy efficiency products and services more accessible.
- **Construction sector** – anyone that works in the built environment, designing and constructing buildings that minimise carbon emissions both in construction and in use. Architects, developers, construction businesses and engineering services companies are all eligible.
- **Not-for-profit groups** such as Energy Agencies and charities that have carried out an effective programme to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy demand or increase the supply of renewable energy (electricity and/or heat), at a local level through technical and/or behavioural means.
- **Public sector organisations** that have carried out an effective programme to improve energy efficiency, reduce demand or increase the supply of renewable energy (electricity and/or heat) at a local

level. Any public sector organisation may apply, including local authorities, higher education establishments, fire services, police forces, hospitals, etc.

- **Schools** which have developed both an ethos and practice of sustainability, in which the responsible use of energy is a key component. The sustainable use of energy should be integrated into the curriculum, pupil behaviour and the school building and grounds.
- **Organisations promoting behavioural change.** In addition to the sector specific awards, the Awards are also looking for behaviour change programmes run by **not for profit, business or public sector** organisations that are effectively changing hearts, minds and behaviour to reduce CO2 emissions. The work should be creating behaviour change in both day-to-day routines and one-off purchasing decisions.

Exclusions

The Awards reward past achievements. The funding they provide is for clearly defined future plans for expansion, replication or dissemination. Schemes that are only at a start-up or pilot stage will not be eligible for an Ashden Award.

Applications from North America, Europe or the developed areas of the former Soviet Union are unlikely to be eligible to enter the International Awards.

Criteria

International Ashden Awards

The criteria for the International Ashden Awards are as follows:

- It has been delivering renewable energy and energy efficiency at a local level for at least one year. Examples include biogas, hydro, solar pv, wind and efficient stoves.
- It is delivering significant social and economic benefits to individuals and communities. Benefits could include improvements in quality of life, health and welfare, educational facilities, food security or income-generating activities. Schemes must respect local culture and customs.
- It is delivering demonstrable benefits to the environment. Evidence will need to be seen of the energy generated or saved, greenhouse gas emissions reduced and benefits to the local environment, such as avoided deforestation.
- It has the capacity to expand, and is replicable. We are looking for schemes that have significant potential to grow, and that will encourage the widespread uptake of local, sustainable energy.
- It should be financially sustainable. Organisations can be for profit or not for profit, but must have a clear path to being financially sustainable.
- It shows an innovative approach to sustainable energy. Many Award-winners use established technologies, but there must be innovative aspects to the scheme as a whole. These could include technical developments like mini-grids; novel approaches to marketing; better financing schemes; training and skills development; introducing a technology to a different country or region; different business models.
- It must be run by an organisation with the capacity and commitment to expand the scheme. Award-winning organisations must demonstrate good governance and management, a continuing commitment to sustainable energy, and a willingness to work with others such as finance organisations or training providers.

Ashden UK Awards

The work submitted for an award must be a clearly defined product, programme or service. It may be the entire work of an organisation or a specific part of it. Award-winning work must involve the delivery of sustainable energy or energy savings at a local level. 'Sustainable energy' renewable energy supply (electricity or heat), energy efficiency and reduction of energy demand through technical and behavioural measures.

The key criteria for an organisation to win an Ashden Award are as follows:

1. It has been delivering sustainable energy or energy savings at a local level for at least one year.
2. It is delivering demonstrable benefits to the environment. Evidence will be needed of the energy generated or saved, greenhouse gas reductions and benefits to the local environment.
3. It is delivering social and economic benefits. These could include urban or rural regeneration; improving working and living conditions; reducing fuel poverty; creating jobs and improving business practice; or making a technology more affordable.
4. It has the capacity to expand and is replicable. The Awards want to showcase products, programmes and services that have significant potential to be followed by others, and that will encourage the widespread uptake of local, sustainable energy.
5. It should be financially sustainable. The Awards are looking for efficient use of funds and evidence that future funding is secure, whether from sales, grants or any other source.

6. It shows an innovative approach to sustainable energy or energy saving. Although many Award-winners use established technologies (such as wood-fuelled boilers or cavity wall insulation), there must be innovative aspects to the work as a whole. These could include using novel approaches to marketing; new ways of engaging with communities; technical developments; training and skills development.
7. It must be run by an organisation with the capacity and commitment to make sustainable energy more widespread. Award-winning organisations must demonstrate good governance and management, an established and continuing commitment to sustainable energy, and a willingness to work with others such as finance organisations or training providers.

One of the main aims of the Awards is to raise awareness of the importance of local, sustainable energy and to promote the work of finalists and winners as examples of best practice. Finalists must be willing to work with the Awards team in media and public relations activities, presentations to specialist groups, and preparation of films and technical information. In return, the Awards team will provide considerable support and expertise to make the achievements of finalists widely known.

Application

Deadline(s):

- 2011 Ashden International Awards: 19 October 2010.
- 2011 Ashden UK Awards: 26 October 2010.

Frequency: Annual.

Link to guidelines:

http://www.ashdenawards.org/int_awards

<http://www.ashdenawards.org/apply>

Useful information:

The charity operates a two-stage application process. Applicants are initially requested to complete an Expression of Interest form. This will be assessed by Ashden judges and technical assessors and a full application will be invited if eligible.

The Expression of Interest form is available from the charity's website. Completed forms should be returned by e-mail.

UK applications should be sent to: UKapps@ashdenawards.org

International applications should be sent to: internationalapps@ashdenawards.org

Applications must be supported by three referees.

International application forms are available in, and may be returned in, English, Mandarin or Spanish.

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Previous Successes

June 2009:

2009 UK Award winners:

- *Business Award*
Geothermal International, Coventry.
- *Local Authority Award sponsored by NESTA*
Kirklees Council, Huddersfield.
- *Charity Award*
Sustainable Energy Academy, Milton Keynes.

2009 International Award winners:

- *Ashden Energy Champion Award*
Aprovecho Research Center and Shengzhou Stove Manufacturer, USA/China.
- *Outstanding Achievement Award*
International Development Enterprises India.
- *Energy Enterprise Award supported by Zennström Philanthropies*
ECAMI, Nicaragua.
- *Improving Nutrition*
GERES, India.
- *Avoided Deforestation, supported by The Waterloo Foundation*
Kampala Jellitone Suppliers, Uganda.
- *Renewables for Economic Development Award supported by DFID*
Saran Renewable Energy, India.
- *Electrification of remote areas supported by The John Ellerman Foundation*
Solar Energy Foundation, Ethiopia.



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE:**Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme**[\[Back\]](#)

Last updated: 15 October 2010

GRANT ID: UGCU10

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Other
Scheme Outline	The CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme is a UK mandatory climate change and energy saving scheme. It is central to the UK's strategy for improving energy efficiency and reducing carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, and has been designed to raise awareness in large organisations and encourage changes in behaviour and infrastructure.
Funding/Support	CRC will operate as a 'cap and trade' mechanism, providing a financial incentive to reduce energy use by putting a price on carbon emissions from energy use

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Qualifying organisations will have to comply legally with the scheme or face financial and other penalties. Organisations (and their subsidiaries) qualify if they have at least one half-hourly electricity meter (HHM) settled on the half-hourly market, or, if their total half-hourly electricity consumption exceeded 6,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) during 2008
Size	Large non-energy-intensive organisations
Location	UK

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	Organisations that qualify must register or make an information disclosure by 30 September 2010
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE:

Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme

Last updated: 15 October 2010

GRANT ID: UGCU10

Reason for Last Update:

The CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme officially launched on 1 April 2010. The CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Order 2010 can be found on the Office of Public Sector Information website at:
http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2010/uksi_20100768_en_1

Background

In December 2005, the Carbon Trust published *The UK Climate Change Programme: potential evolution for business and the public sector*, an analysis examining how to optimise policy instruments acting on business and the public sector to achieve significant carbon savings. In April 2006, a detailed examination of the Carbon Trust's proposal for a new, mandatory emissions trading scheme *Energy efficiency and trading part II: options for the implementation of a new mandatory UK emissions trading scheme* was published by DEFRA, and in November 2006, the Government launched a consultation on ways to reduce carbon emissions and improve energy efficiency cost effectively in the large non-energy-intensive business and public sectors. This was the start of the CRC, known at the time as the Energy Performance Commitment.

The commitment to implement the CRC was announced in [Meeting the Energy Challenge: A White Paper on Energy](#). In June 2007, the Government launched a further consultation on the implementation proposals for the CRC to secure the required emissions reductions, and in March 2009, a final consultation was launched on the draft order to implement the Carbon Reduction Commitment to ask stakeholders for their views on the proposed legislation. The Government response and policy decisions were released on 7 October 2009. The response covers issues raised during the consultation process and the changes in the CRC brought about by Government to address these issues.

DECC has developed the CRC policy in partnership with the Scottish Government, the Welsh Assembly Government and the Department of Environment Northern Ireland.

Further details of the development of the CRC are available on the DECC website at:

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/lc_uk/crc/policy/policy.aspx

Overview of Available Schemes

This scheme is designed to tackle CO₂ emissions not already covered by Climate Change Agreements and the EU Emissions Trading Scheme. It covers large public and private sector organisations, and has been designed to raise awareness in large organisations, especially at senior level, and encourage changes in behaviour and infrastructure.

Available Funding/Support

CRC will operate as a 'cap and trade' mechanism, providing a financial incentive to reduce energy use by putting a price on carbon emissions from energy use. In CRC, organisations buy allowances equal to their annual emissions. The overall emissions reduction target is achieved by placing a 'cap' on the total allowances available to each group of CRC participants. Within that overall limit, individual organisations can determine the most cost-effective way to reduce their emissions. This could be through buying extra allowances or investing in ways to decrease the number of allowances they need to buy.

All the money raised through the allowances will be recycled back to participants, according to how well they perform. The scheme features an annual performance league table that ranks participants on energy efficiency performance. Together with the financial and reputational considerations, the scheme encourages organisations to develop energy management strategies that promote a better understanding of energy consumption.

Eligible Activities

There are rules covering what emissions count towards CRC emissions that organisations must report to Government. This ensures that organisations do not have to buy allowances for activities or emissions covered by other Government policies.

There are two rules that determine CRC emissions as follows:

1. All emissions from core sources (see below) of energy must be included in the organisation's CRC emissions, unless they are covered by the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) or CCAs.
2. At least 90% of the organisation's total footprint emissions must be regulated either by CRC or by EU ETS or CCAs. The remaining 10% of emissions may be omitted, primarily because the administrative

burden of accounting for some very small sources of energy every year would be disproportionately large.

Core sources are all emissions from the following sources:

Core electricity supplies:

- all settled HHMs (half-hourly meters);
- all non-settled HHMs;
- all non-domestic meters; and
- all dynamic supply.

Core gas supplies:

- all daily meters;
- all half hourly meters; and
- all large gas point meters.

Supplies through meters with any ancillary devices that allows the meter to be read remotely will count towards core gas supplies.

If, having included all core sources, the organisation has not yet reached the point where 90% of its total footprint emissions are regulated, then it must include some of its residual supplies until the organisation's combined EU ETS, CCAs and CRC coverage level is above the 90% threshold. (This assessment applies only for the parts of the organisation remaining after the exclusion of any subsidiaries under the 25% CCA rule.)

Residual sources are any energy supply other than the core sources. A fuel list can be found in the CRC Order to help to identify residual supplies that may need to be included.

Once the organisation has achieved the 90% threshold, it can choose to opt in residual sources, if desired, until anything up to 100% of the total footprint emissions is covered.

Who Can Apply

Organisations (and their subsidiaries) that have at least one half-hourly electricity meter (HHM) settled on the half-hourly market. Organisations also qualify if their total half-hourly electricity consumption exceeded 6,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) during 2008.

It is estimated that, initially, around 5,000 organisations will qualify, including supermarkets, water companies, banks, local authorities and all central Government Departments.

Qualifying organisations will have to comply legally with the scheme or face financial and other penalties.

Exclusions

Any part of an organisation with more than 25% of their energy use emissions covered by a CCA will be exempt from the scheme. Only the specific subsidiary with the CCA will be exempt, rather than the entire organisational group.

Emissions for which participants do not have to purchase allowances include the following:

- Domestic accommodation.
- Transport emissions.
- Emissions from activities covered by a Climate Change Agreement or the EU Emissions Trading System.
- Emissions from consumption outside the UK.

Where the organisation supplies energy to another organisation or person (except tenants) they do not count this in their CRC emissions.

Criteria

The CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme starts in April 2010 and is divided into phases. The introductory phase runs for three years. Subsequent phases will each last seven years. This includes two preparatory years which will overlap with the previous phase. Each phase includes a number of consecutive compliance years, which run from April to March, like financial years. There are no gaps or breaks between phases or compliance years.

Before each phase starts there is:

- a qualification period when organisations must determine whether they meet the qualification criteria to take part in the scheme, or make an information disclosure to the administrator;
- a registration period when organisations must register as participants in the scheme or submit an information disclosure; and
- a footprint year when participants must work out their emissions responsibility under the CRC.

In each compliance year, participants complete the following four steps:

1. At the beginning and during each compliance year, participants buy allowances based on expected energy use emissions, taking into account energy efficiency efforts planned for that year.
2. Participants monitor energy use during each scheme year and by the end of July, after the end of the scheme year, they report emissions to the administrator.
3. Participants hold or cancel allowances equal to their emissions during that year, also by the end of July.
4. Participants receive a revenue recycling payment from the Government in the October after reporting their energy use, based on their relative performance in the scheme, which will be published in a performance league table.
5. So that the administrators can audit the information provided, organisations will need to collate all records and evidence that support the data reported in an evidence pack, and keep this up to date throughout the scheme.

Step-by-step guidance is available on the DECC website at:

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/lc_uk/crc/compliance/compliance.aspx

The following applies to the introductory phase:

- The qualification period is the calendar year 2008.
- The registration period is April-September 2010.
- The footprint year is April 2010-March 2011.
- In the first annual reporting year 2010-2011 (there will be no sale or surrender of allowances).
- The first sale of allowances takes place in April 2011-March 2012.

Application

The CRC Timeline is as follows:

2009

- In October 2009, the Environment Agency will contact all UK billing addresses with settled HHMs, providing them with information on their energy consumption and details of guidance on qualification and registration.
- All organisations with an HHM settled on the half-hourly market will need to collate information on their total half-hourly electricity consumption for 2008, together with a list of HHMs, assisted by their electricity supplier, to assess whether they qualify for the scheme.

2010

- Scheme begins with a three-year introductory phase. The first compliance year (April 2010 - March 2011) is the 'Footprint Year'.
- The first six months of the Footprint Year is also the registration period. Organisations that qualify must register or make an information disclosure by **30 September 2010**. A financial penalty will be imposed on organisations that fail to do this by the deadline.
- The financial year 2010-2011 is also the qualification year for the second phase of the CRC. Organisations must ensure that they monitor their half-hourly electricity consumption during this period. A statement of consumption from their suppliers can be requested to help in this task.

2011

- Second compliance year (April 2011 - March 2012).
- First sale of allowances takes place in April. Participants can sell allowances at a fixed price of £12/tCO₂. Participants will only have to purchase allowances to cover their forecast emissions for 2011/12.

2012

- Third compliance year (April 2012 - March 2013).

2013

- First capped phase begins. Auctioning of carbon allowances begins.

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BUILDING RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT:**Community Sustainable Energy Programme**[\[Back\]](#)

Last updated: 24 August 2010

GRANT ID: UGW070

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Grant
Term	Unspecified
Scheme Outline	Grants programme designed 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	Applicants will be required to source between 25% and 50% of the overall project costs, either from their own resources or from elsewhere

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Registered charities and trusts, community groups, parish councils, schools and colleges, social enterprises, mutual societies and youth organisations
Size	No restrictions
Location	England

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	The scheme has quarterly deadlines for the receipt of applications for Capital Grants. 2010 deadlines: 29 January 2010; 7 May 2010; 30 July 2010; 29 October 2010. Applications for Development Grants may be submitted at any time
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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;
- church-based and other faith organisations.

Exclusions

Grants cannot be used towards recoverable VAT.

Criteria

1. Project Development Grant projects must be completed within six months and Capital Grant projects must be completed within 12 months from the date of the grant offer letter.
2. Applicants must have an independent referee who has known the organisation for at least one year (or from the start if running for less than one year). Referees must support the applicant's application for funding.

Full terms and conditions may be accessed via the following links:

Project Development Grants

http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk/filelibrary/CSEP_Scheme_Conditions_Project_Development_v1.0.pdf

Capital Grants

http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk/filelibrary/CSEP_Scheme_Conditions_Capital_v02.pdf

Application

Deadline(s):

2010 deadlines for Capital Grant Funding:

- 29 January 2010.
- 7 May 2010.
- 30 July 2010.
- 29 October 2010.

Applications for Project Development Grants may be submitted at any time and will be assessed on a first come, first served basis.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Link to guidelines: <http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk/page.jsp?id=2>

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CORPORATE SPONSORS:**E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund****[Back]****Last updated: 13 September 2010****GRANT ID: UGP520****SCHEME DETAILS**

Type	Grant
Scheme Outline	Funding to support community energy projects in England, Scotland and Wales which either result in the production of energy from a sustainable source or which reduce the amount of energy used by a community organisation.
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
Other	Project proposals must show that they can be completed within reasonable timescales and costs (priority will be given to projects due to complete within 12 months of application)

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Not-for-profit organisations, charities and community groups including schools, local and national charities and special education colleges
Size	No restrictions
Location	England, Scotland and Wales

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	Deadlines: 2 April and 8 October 2010
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CORPORATE SPONSORS:

E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund

Last updated: 13 September 2010

GRANT ID: UGP520

Reason for Last Update:

There have been no changes made to this scheme.

Background

This scheme is sponsored by E.ON.

Objectives of the Scheme

The scheme aims to support community energy projects which either result in the production of energy from a sustainable source or which reduce the amount of energy used by a community organisation.

Available Funding/Support

The Fund offers grants of up to £20,000, for up to 90% of eligible 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.

Eligible Activities

The following types of project are supported:

- Purchase and installation of one or more renewable energy technologies (such as wind, solar thermal, PV, wood etc).
- Renovation of existing facilities to incorporate micro-generation technology (such as the reinstatement of a watermill and the purchase of a turbine to produce hydro-electricity).
- An energy efficiency make-over for a building that could demonstrate significant energy savings and also behavioural change amongst users.
- Use of new or innovative technology to deliver either energy savings or micro-generation capacity.
- A project which can demonstrate the intelligent use of waste energy (eg a district heating system that uses waste heat from one building to heat or power another).

Note: These are just examples of projects that could receive funding.

Projects should benefit one of the following groups:

- Education.
- Vulnerable people.
- People in fuel poverty.

Who Can Apply

The Fund is available to community groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations across England, Scotland and Wales.

Examples of organisations that may be eligible for support include schools, local and national charities, special education colleges and wildlife parks.

Applications from religious or political organisations will be accepted if the technology or measures are to be installed in a community building that is available for the whole community to use, regardless of religious or political beliefs. Local authorities can apply if working with a local community organisation or group and the community organisation leads on the application.

Exclusions

Applications are not accepted for:

- residential or business projects;
- feasibility studies;
- retrospective funding;
- promotions, education or general awareness raising, however, this may be considered where it forms part of a wider project which meets the criteria of the Fund and relates to the technology or measures that will be installed.

Groups that have been awarded a grant are excluded from applying again for a period of 18 months from the completion of their project.

Criteria

1. Eligible projects must:
 - o result in the creation of renewable energy and/or a reduction in the amount of energy used;
 - o have a measurable positive impact on the environment - most likely to be demonstrated through carbon savings;
 - o have a positive impact on the local community; and
 - o be used for the purchase and implementation of capital equipment, physical measures and associated costs.
2. Project proposals must show that they can be completed within reasonable timescales and costs, and all projects must complete within 12 months of the grant being awarded.
3. Projects must involve and/or have consent from the local community, and where relevant, should have local authority consent to planning and the application.
4. Projects must be sustainable beyond support from the Fund.

Application

Deadline(s):

- 2 April 2010.
- 8 October 2010.

Frequency: Biannual.

Link to guidelines: <http://www.eon-uk.com/about/2689.aspx>

Useful information:

Application forms may be downloaded from the website. Completed application forms should be e-mailed to: sustainableenergyfund@eon-uk.com

All applications must provide an e-mail address.

80% of the total grant amount will be issued at the start of the project with the remaining 20% made available upon completion.

Successful recipients should provide a project status review report within 12 months of receiving the grant with photographs and any media coverage.

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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:**Eaga Partnership Charitable Trust****[Back]****Last updated: 09 September 2010****GRANT ID: UGA370****SCHEME DETAILS**

Type	Grant
Term	Unspecified
Scheme Outline	To fund initiatives concerned with the relief of fuel poverty and the preservation and protection of health by the promotion of the efficient use of energy in the United Kingdom.
Eligible Costs	Action projects; development of good practice; data collection and analysis; policy related research; detailed field studies and monitoring
Funding/Support	There is no minimum or maximum grant
Match Funding	Larger projects are funded where possible and encouragement given to the co-funding of projects where appropriate

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Organisations
Location	United Kingdom

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	Trustees meetings to assess applications are held three times a year. 2011 deadlines will be reported when available
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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:

Eaga Partnership Charitable Trust

Last updated: 09 September 2010

GRANT ID: UGA370

Reason for Last Update:

The deadline for applications to be considered at the Trust's October meeting has passed. Details of the next deadline will be reported when available.

Background

Eaga Partnership Limited is an employee-owned company, delivering programmes that address the social, environmental and energy efficiency objectives of government and the private sector throughout the UK. It is the sole funder of the Eaga Partnership Charitable Trust. The Trust is an independent body that exists separately from the Partnership.

Objectives of the Scheme

The Eaga Partnership Charitable Trust is a grant-giving trust that currently supports projects and research in two main areas: the relief of fuel poverty and the promotion of energy efficiency; and vulnerable consumers - multiple needs and preferences.

Available Funding/Support

There is no minimum or maximum grant and each application is judged on its merits. Projects typically span between one and three years.

Match Funding

Larger projects are funded where possible and encouragement is given to the co-funding of projects where appropriate. Details of co-funders and the level of their commitment are required.

Eligible Activities

The Trust gives priority to proposals which have the potential to inform or influence national perceptions and policies. Whilst individual projects may have a narrow focus, eg in terms of target groups or geographical coverage, it is essential that project proposals clearly demonstrate innovation, wide applicability and have well-developed and accurately costed evaluation and dissemination plans.

Eaga Partnership Charitable Trust understands the need for organisations to recover the full costs of a project. Therefore, the Trust will accept the inclusion of an appropriate and reasonable share of overhead costs within a project budget (in addition to the project's direct costs) on condition that the applicant explains to the Trustees' satisfaction:

- what the overhead costs include;
- how the applicant analysed the full costs; and
- how the allocation was calculated.

Eaga Partnership Charitable Trust currently funds work within the following two programme themes:

The relief of fuel poverty and the promotion of energy efficiency

The main aim of work under this theme is 'the relief of fuel poverty and the preservation and protection of health by the promotion of the efficient use of energy'. Proposed projects should: assist to clarify the nature, extent and consequences of fuel poverty and offer insights into opportunities for the energy efficient and cost-effective relief of fuel poverty.

The work funded under this programme can be divided into four categories:

1. Rigorous, policy-related research.
2. Action projects (eg practical, community-based initiatives which have wider applicability).
3. The promotion of good practice (eg toolkits and workshops).
4. Practical resource materials and events (eg training and education resources).

In addition, the Trust has prioritised the following areas for funding:

- Fuel poverty and health.
- Hard to heat homes.
- Rural fuel poverty.

Vulnerable consumers: multiple needs and preferences

The Trust is interested in the overlap between fuel poverty and wider deprivation, and wishes to develop a better understanding of different groups of vulnerable and/or deprived consumers. This will enable fuel poverty alleviation programmes and other assistance initiatives to better target these groups.

The Trust welcomes well-presented, rigorous proposals for research with policy and practical relevance, and any other areas that researchers feel fall within the theme. (Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Trust's Manager at an early stage, to discuss whether their ideas are likely to fall within the Trust's area of interest.)

The research questions listed below illustrate the sorts of projects the Trust may be willing to support. These demonstrate the types of questions that could be answered and the approaches that projects may adopt.

1. How do different definitions of deprivation in different policy areas overlap? What implications does this have for work to reduce fuel poverty and wider disadvantage? How does fuel poverty link to other social inclusion agendas at national, regional, sub-regional and local authority levels?
2. What are the causal links and interactions between fuel poverty, communication and access issues, and other forms of disadvantage and social exclusion? What implications follow from those interactions for policy?
3. What are the needs of people who face multiple barriers in accessing information and services, including: people with a physical or sensory impairment; people with mental health problems; those for whom English is not their first language; and those with low basic skills?
4. What are the personal priorities of vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers for tackling their own disadvantage? What issues do vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers identify as important in their lives? In what practical ways are they best addressed? What forms of delivery and service provision do vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers perceive as most effective?
5. How feasible would it be to adapt services to match consumer preferences more closely? How should marketing messages be adapted to promote the availability of benefits of interest and salience to different groups? How do we reach those households who have not so far been responsive to current approaches towards service provision?
6. How do target groups experiencing or at risk of fuel poverty perceive the costs and benefits of measures designed to alleviate fuel poverty, including 'quality of life' costs and benefits? How do people perceive the set-up, running, servicing and quality of life costs of these measures compared with their perceived current costs? How do these perceptions vary by group and how might the perceived or experienced costs (such as burdensome access requirements or disruption in the home) be reduced?
7. What are the real and perceived barriers to the take-up of fuel poverty and energy efficiency help for vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers? What motivates the take up of help in these areas (including the acceptance or rejection of associated financial products and services)? Do responses vary with the way the vulnerable and disadvantaged are approached, and by whom? Does the lack of response of certain groups vary at different times in their lives and the type of offer made (eg in association with related financial products like bank accounts)?

Who Can Apply

Applications are invited from any UK organisation with a specific project that meets the criteria of the Trust. There are no restrictions on the type of organisation eligible to apply.

Applications are not accepted from individuals.

Exclusions

The Trust does not normally provide grants towards the following:

- The personal support of individuals in needs.
- General fundraising appeals.
- Projects that comprise solely of capital works. However, a project that contains some innovative elements closely related to the Trust's aims and objectives in addition to a capital works element, may be considered for funding.
- Retrospective funding for a project or event.
- Energy advice provision materials.
- The maintenance of websites.
- Local energy efficiency/warm homes initiatives, including those providing energy efficiency advice and financial support for home insulation and energy efficiency work. These projects will not be considered

for a grant unless the approach being taken is a new one, and the evaluation being carried out is sufficiently robust to enable replication on a wide scale.

Criteria

All applicants who are requesting a grant of more than £50,000 from Eaga-PCT are asked to answer some questions on project risks. These will be e-mailed to applicants following the submission of their application.

Application

Deadline(s):

Trustees meetings to assess applications are held three times a year. 2011 deadlines will reported when available.

Frequency: Periodic.

Link to guidelines: <http://www.eagacharitabletrust.org/how-to-apply-for-a-grant>

Useful information:

All applications for funding must be made using the Trust's online application form. Applicants will receive written confirmation of receipt of their application.

Applicants who have their application rejected will be informed in writing of the reasons. Successful applicants will receive an offer letter within a week of the Trustees' meeting. It will detail the value of the grant offered and the terms and conditions of the award.

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CARBON TRUST:**Energy Efficiency Business Loans****[Back]**

Last updated: 09 July 2010

GRANT ID: UGU530

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Loan
Scheme Outline	Carbon Trust energy efficiency business loans are intended to stimulate the uptake of energy efficiency by UK small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Funding is available to help with the cost of buying equipment that delivers a reduction in carbon emissions.
Eligible Costs	Cost of buying equipment that delivers energy savings
Funding/Support	Loans of between £3,000 and £100,000
Match Funding	Not a specified requirement
Other	Loans are interest free and have no arrangement fees. Companies must have been trading for at least 12 months

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Small and medium-sized enterprises in Great Britain; all enterprises in Northern Ireland that are eligible under EU State Aid regulations; and farmers in England (restrictions apply)
Size	All enterprises in Northern Ireland and small and medium-sized enterprises in England, Scotland and Wales
Location	United Kingdom

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	At any time
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CARBON TRUST:

Energy Efficiency Business Loans

Last updated: 09 July 2010

GRANT ID: UGU530

Reason for Last Update:

As of 9 July 2010, interest free business loans are only be available to SMEs (except for project sites in Northern Ireland, which is open to any size enterprise). In addition, the amount of CO₂ that must be saved per £1,000 of loan has increased from 2t CO₂ to 2.5t CO₂. All applications which receive an unconditional offer after 23 July will be subject to the new rules.

Background

The Carbon Trust was set up in April 2001 to provide UK business and public bodies with advice on Carbon Management. This covers all activities to measure, manage and reduce the overall carbon dioxide emissions resulting from an organisation's activities.

The Carbon Trust's Energy Saving Helpline provides business and public sector organisations with free, practical help and impartial advice on how to cut their energy costs, and provides access to interest-free loans for energy saving equipment.

Further information about the Carbon Trust's range of services and support can be found in the following reports:

- Carbon Trust Applied Research Grants (GRANTfinder reference UC7260).
- Carbon Trust Energy Saving Support (GRANTfinder reference UN0380).
- Low Carbon Technology Development (GRANTfinder reference UN3900).
- Carbon Trust Innovation Awards (GRANTfinder reference UIA220).
- Salix Energy Finance Scheme (GRANTfinder reference UGT690).
- Carbon Trust Investments (GRANTfinder reference UIF590).
- Carbon Trust Energy Efficiency Business Loans (this report).

Objectives of the Scheme

Carbon Trust energy efficiency business loans are intended to stimulate the uptake of energy efficiency by small and medium-sized companies (SMEs). The loans are also advertised as 0% Business Loans and as the Big Business Refit which was promoted by businessman Theo Paphitis.

A similar scheme operates in Scotland (see GRANTfinder reference number UG8910).

Available Funding/Support

Small and medium-sized businesses

Loans of between £3,000 and £100,000 are available to eligible small and medium-sized businesses.

Loans outside of England are subject to local funding constraints.

Energy efficiency loans are interest free and have no arrangement fees.

Loans to Farmers

Unsecured, interest-free loans for between £3,000 and £20,000 are available. It is anticipated that £12 million will be available in total, with loans being made to approximately 1,000 farmers.

Eligible Activities

Funding is available to help with the cost of buying equipment that delivers energy savings, ie a reduction in carbon emissions at the applicant's site.

Projects that can demonstrate energy saving in excess of the CO₂ threshold of 2.5t CO₂/£1,000 of loan are eligible. Projects involving renewable technologies are eligible if the project meets the on-site cost and energy saving criteria.

Projects that may qualify include:

Building Technologies

- Air conditioning.
- Boilers and heating controls.
- Boiler and hot water tank information.
- Building insulation.
- Heat recovery.
- Lighting.
- Pipe insulation.

- Solar thermal systems.

Industrial Process Technologies

- Compressed air fittings.
- Motors.
- Materials handling equipment.
- Power factor correction.
- Process heating.
- Process controls.
- Refrigeration.
- Variable speed drives.

Farm Technologies

Examples of eligible energy-efficiency upgrades are as follows:

- Thermal screens, used in greenhouse horticulture (can save over £10,000/100 tonnes of CO2 annually).
- Milk cooling systems (can save up to £1,000/6 tonnes of CO2 a year).
- Insulation used in field horticulture crop stores (can save up to £10,000/50 tonnes of CO2 a year).
- Upgrading heating and ventilation controls in livestock farms (can save over £4,000/23 tonnes of CO2 a year).
- Grain drying humidity controls, used in arable farming (can save around £1,500/10 tonnes of CO2 a year).

Who Can Apply

England, Scotland and Wales - micro, small or medium-sized businesses (SMEs).

Northern Ireland - any size enterprise.

Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are enterprises which employ fewer than 250 full-time equivalent employees and have an annual turnover not exceeding €50 million (£42.5 million), and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding €43 million (£36.5 million).

All enterprises need to be in the private sector, have been trading for at least 12 months and have an acceptable credit rating.

Farming Sector (England only)

Farm businesses in England are eligible to apply for loans of up to £20,000.

Exclusions

Current exemptions, in order to comply with the EU regulations on State Aid, are as follows:

- *Agricultural sector* - in general, any enterprise active in the primary production of agricultural products is excluded from the main loans scheme. However, enterprises involved in the processing and marketing of agricultural produce are generally acceptable unless their business is preparing animal or plant produce for the first sale. Such enterprises would also be excluded if the benefit of the loan is passed on to primary producers. Farmers in England may apply for small loans of up to £20,000.
- *Export Related sector* - if the loan will support export-related activities and is directly linked to the quantities exported, to the establishment and operation of a distribution network, or to other current expenditure linked to the export activity.
- *Transport sector* - loans cannot be provided to enterprises whose core business is road freight transport, for the acquisition of transport vehicles.
- *Fisheries and Aquaculture sectors* - generally the Carbon Trust are unable to make loans to enterprises in these sectors.
- *Coal sector* - enterprises active in this sector are not eligible.

In addition, the Carbon Trust does not currently provide loans to enhance the energy efficiency of vehicles. Loans cannot be offered retrospectively for equipment already installed.

Criteria

1. The repayment period for the loan is up to four years and, in most cases, it is likely that the savings offset the cost of the loan repayments.

2. Companies are required to supply sufficient financial information to enable a credit check to be carried out and to ensure compliance with EU State Aid rules.

Application

Deadline(s):

At any time.

Frequency: Ongoing programme.

Useful information:

Prospective applicants can check their eligibility for a loan in the following ways:

- Online - complete the eligibility form.
- Phone - call the Customer Centre on 0800 085 2005
- Post - order the Loans Customer Pack (LNS350) from the publication's section on the Carbon Trust website.

Once the Carbon Trust has received an Eligibility Checklist it can check the company's eligibility (including SME status and a credit check). It will then contact the applicant to confirm that they are eligible to apply for an Energy Saving Loan.

Online applications can be made directly via the appropriate link on the Carbon Trust website at:

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/cut-carbon-reduce-costs/products-services/loans/Pages/loans.aspx>

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Comment

21 December 2009:

The Environment Secretary, Hilary Benn, has announced that from 1 February 2010 British farmers will be eligible for unsecured, interest-free loans of between £3,000 and £20,000 to help them upgrade to more energy-efficient equipment. The loans are designed to pay for themselves through direct energy savings provided over one to four years, and after the loan is repaid, farmers will make direct savings on their energy costs, as well as cutting the carbon footprint of what they produce. The aim is to cut energy bills by a total of £4 million, and 25,000 tonnes of CO2 annually, using interest-free loans from the Carbon Trust. Further details are available on the DEFRA website at:
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2009/091221b.htm>



CARBON TRUST:**Energy Saving Support****[Back]**

Last updated: 23 December 2009

GRANT ID: UN0380

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Loan, Grant, Information
Scheme 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

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Businesses and other private sector organisations and public sector organisations including housing associations
Size	No restrictions, SMEs are particularly encouraged
Location	United Kingdom

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	Information can be accessed online at any time
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CARBON TRUST:

Energy Saving Support

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GRANT ID: UN0380

Reason for Last Update:

There have been no changes made to this scheme.

Background

The Carbon Trust was set up in April 2001 to provide UK business and public bodies with advice on Carbon Management. This covers all activities to measure, manage and reduce the overall carbon dioxide emissions resulting from an organisation's activities.

The Carbon Trust's Energy Saving Helpline provides business and public sector organisations with free, practical help and impartial advice on how to cut their energy costs, and provides access to interest-free loans for energy saving equipment.

The Carbon Trust not only provides UK businesses and public bodies with advice on reducing carbon emissions, but also provides business and public sector organisations with free, practical help and impartial advice on how to cut their energy costs.

Further information about the Carbon Trust's range of services and support can be found in the following reports:

- Carbon Trust Applied Research Grants (GRANTfinder reference UC7260).
- Carbon Trust Energy Saving Support (this report).
- Carbon Trust Energy Saving Loans (GRANTfinder reference UGU530).
- Low Carbon Technology Development (GRANTfinder reference UN3900).
- Low Carbon Innovation Awards (GRANTfinder reference UIA220).
- Salix Energy Finance scheme (GRANTfinder reference UGT690).
- Carbon Trust Investments (GRANTfinder reference UIF590).

Objectives of the Scheme

A major aim of the Carbon Trust to advance and spread good practice in energy efficiency. It achieves this by addressing four of the fundamental barriers to energy efficiency:

- The limited understanding of the potential benefits of energy efficient technologies and techniques.
- The lack of objective information on both existing and novel energy efficient technologies and techniques.
- Institutional barriers, particularly within the buildings sector.
- The weak and fragmented nature of parts of the energy efficiency industry.

Available Funding/Support

The Carbon Trust offers a range of practical solutions to help business and the public sector cut carbon, including online help and services, publications, energy surveys, and interest-free loans.

Further information on all the services listed below is available on the Carbon Trust website at:

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/cut-carbon-reduce-costs/products-services/Pages/products-and-services.aspx>

Current services include the following:

Interest Free Business Loans (reported separately on GRANTfinder under reference number UGU530)

The Carbon Trust offers 0% business loans of £3,000 to £500,000 for organisations to invest in energy saving projects.

Private Sector Carbon Management

Dedicated Sector Managers are available to offer strategic and implementation support regardless of an organisation's carbon maturity. The following type of support is available:

- initial carbon review and development of a carbon plan;
- setting targets and advice on managing regulation implications;
- motivating staff;
- engaging stakeholders (indirect emissions) – supply chain etc;
- maximising efficiency of operations and procedures;
- putting in the right metering and controls;

- reviewing plant and equipment;
- maximising efficiency of building fabric;
- developing new products, services and revenue opportunities; and
- investing in renewable energy.

Sector advice

Carbon saving advice specific to industry sectors.

Building Design Advice

Free Building Design Advice to support businesses in developing a low carbon solution, including the following:

- Free or subsidised consultancy throughout a project - depending on its size and potential carbon savings.
- Strategic design advice for major building and renovation projects. Projects are engaged with at a pre-design master plan stage and the advice can help to inform early decisions such as:
 - site selection;
 - energy strategy, including sharing energy with neighbours and the use of renewables; and
 - architectural and M&E design, including building orientation, passive design and material selection.
- Printed guide with advice on how to procure an energy-efficient building (up to 2,500m²).

Energy management

A structured approach to managing energy and carbon helps an organisation to maximise energy efficiency and reduce costs. The Carbon Trust provides simple, effective advice to help businesses and public sector organisations take action to reduce carbon emissions.

Partnerships

The Carbon Trust collaborates with groups of organisations to manage and implement carbon-saving ideas. It focuses on the barriers to carbon saving within an industry, and shares learning and transfers skills and knowledge to generate carbon savings. Ultimately the aim is to mobilise an industry or supply chain to act on what has been learnt. Projects focus on:

- organisations within specific sectors;
- technologies and issues spanning a number of supply chains; and
- a single industry-level supply chain.

Enhanced Capital Allowances

Enhanced Capital Allowances (ECAs) provide businesses with tax relief on qualifying capital expenditure. The ECA scheme for energy-saving technologies encourages businesses to invest in energy-saving plant or machinery specified on the Energy Technology List (ETL) which is managed by the Carbon Trust on behalf of the Government. The scheme provides businesses with 100% first year tax relief on their qualifying capital expenditure, and allows businesses to write-off the whole cost of the equipment against taxable profits in the year of purchase. This can provide a cash flow boost and an incentive to invest in energy-saving equipment which normally carries a price premium when compared to less efficient alternatives.

Carbon Trust Footprinting Company

The carbon footprint of a product or service is the total carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases emitted during its life, from its production to its final disposal. The Carbon Trust Footprinting Company has been developed by the Carbon Trust to help raise awareness and understanding of the carbon footprints of products and services. The Carbon Trust Footprinting Certification Company was established in 2009 to provide independent and impartial certification services for product carbon footprints. Further details are available on the Company's website at:

<http://www.carbon-label.com/business/forbusinesses.htm>

Carbon Surveys

A free Carbon Survey is available to eligible organisations to show how they can save energy costs and reduce their impact on the environment. Each survey is conducted by an independent accredited consultant and produces a practical action plan tailored to the organisation's needs.

Qualifying criteria include the following:

- Size of organisation – this will determine the type of support Carbon Trust can offer, potentially, up to fully bespoke projects.
- Energy bills - the organisation's total bill needs to be greater than £50,000 per year.
- Potential for carbon savings – if eligible, the level of service offered.

- Energy efficiency experience – assisting from basic carbon saving measures to more detailed in-depth analysis and support.

Public Sector Carbon Management

The Carbon Trust offers a range of consultancy support to help all public sector bodies reduce energy costs and cut emissions. This includes surveys, design advice and Carbon Management which provides technical and change management guidance to help identify practical carbon and cost savings.

Technology Advice

Energy-related information, publications and useful links about the following technologies:

- Air conditioning.
- Boilers and heat distribution.
- Building controls.
- Building fabric.
- Combined heat and power.
- Compressed air.
- Heating.
- Heat recovery.
- Lighting
- Motors and drives.
- Office equipment.
- Process control.
- Process heating and drying.
- Renewables.
- Refrigeration.
- Ventilation.

Telephone Support

Companies of all sizes can telephone the Carbon Trust and ask questions about ways to reduce their energy costs and reduce carbon emissions. Telephone advice is available on:

- specific questions - eg concerning heating, refrigeration, lighting, motors or control systems; and
- general advice - what energy saving options are available and where to go for more information, for example.

Tel: 0800 085 2005

Campaign Materials

A suite of awareness raising materials is available to help employees save energy. The materials are available free of charge in limited quantities or can be purchased. Materials include awareness raising posters, a staff awareness leaflet and sector-specific 'walk around' checklists.

Carbon Footprinting

The main types of carbon footprint are:

- *Organisational*
Emissions from all the activities across the organisation, including buildings' energy use, industrial processes and company vehicles.
- *Product*
Emissions over the whole life of a product or service, from the extraction of raw materials and manufacturing right through to its use and final reuse, recycling or disposal.

The Carbon Trust's footprinting tools pages, help to find ways to reduce an organisation's carbon emissions based on its energy bill and sector.

Publications

A range of PDFs, guides, studies and information on all aspects of carbon reduction are available. These include, for example:

- *Better business - management guide;*
- *Making the business case for a carbon reduction project;*
- *Climate change - a business revolution;* and
- *Offshore wind power: big challenge, big opportunity.*

Carbon Trust Standard

The Carbon Trust Standard certifies that an organisation has genuinely reduced their carbon footprint and is committed to making further reductions year on year. To achieve certification against the Standard, an organisation needs to meet the requirements in the following three areas:

- Measurement - measure of an organisation's key greenhouse gas emissions. Initially this means measurement of the electricity and fuel use on-site, and the fuel used in vehicles.
- Management - the organisation needs to show good carbon management performance. This means providing evidence of activity such as investment in new equipment, maintenance programmes and staff training.
- Reduction - the organisation must be able to show emissions reduction over the last year – either on a total emissions basis, or on a relative basis (eg emissions/£m turnover).

Who Can Apply

The Programme is open to organisations in industry, commerce, and the public and domestic sectors in the UK.

Exclusions

1. Retrospective funding is not available.
2. Support and advice for non-energy efficiency related measures is not available.
3. Interest free loans are not available through Energy Saving Loans if they have a payback period which exceeds five years or if companies operate in the agricultural, fisheries transport or export-related sectors.

Criteria

The criteria applicable to the different components varies depending on the element of support being accessed. Further information is obtainable from the Helpline.

Application

Deadline(s):

At any time.

Frequency: Ongoing programme.

Useful information:

Interested parties should contact the Environment and Energy Helpline to access all services available through this programme:

Tel: 0800 085 2005

Website: <http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/solutions>

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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:**Energy Saving Trust - Energy Services**[\[Back\]](#)

Last updated: 08 January 2010

GRANT ID: UG5780

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Information
Scheme Outline	UK-wide consultancy support to encourage the take up of Energy Services - heating, lighting and refrigeration in a total energy package - to help tackle the issues of fuel poverty, sustainability and energy saving. Projects must use proven and cost-effective energy efficiency technologies.
Funding/Support	Information and advice on delivery of Energy Services and accessing funding

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Energy suppliers, local authorities, housing associations registered social landlords, installers
Location	United Kingdom

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	At any time
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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:

Energy Saving Trust - Energy Services

Last updated: 08 January 2010

GRANT ID: UG5780

Reason for Last Update:

There have been no changes made to this scheme.

Background

The Energy Saving Trust (EST) established its Energy Services and Residential CHP programmes in 1996 to stimulate the development of sustainable initiatives, helping domestic customers use energy more efficiently. To 2001, it assisted around two hundred organisations in establishing Energy Services/CHP schemes or undertaking development work.

A new Energy Services programme, funded by the Energy Saving Trust, was introduced in September 2001 with the aim of working with private and social housing providers, energy suppliers and other stakeholders to develop Energy Services initiatives in the residential sector. This became an advice-only scheme in February 2002 with the implementation of the Energy Efficiency Commitment in April 2002 that provides opportunities for the development of Energy Services in association with energy suppliers.

Objectives of the Scheme

Energy Services schemes are either partnerships between housing associations, local authorities and energy suppliers or stand alone projects established by interested organisations. EST has been the key organisation promoting Energy Services in the domestic and small users sectors in the UK.

"Energy Services" is defined as the supply of a specified level of heat, light, motive power or appliance functioning. An 'energy services package' would generally include: the appliance necessary to deliver the service such as a light bulb or heating equipment; the financing to purchase it; the expertise needed to maintain the equipment and the energy required to operate it.

Energy Services from the EST are typically a package of energy supply and efficiency measures that include energy advice and access to funding, such as grants or interest free loans, for efficiency measures. Ideally, these are all provided by one company that provides the customer with a single bill. Energy Services in the domestic and small users sectors in the UK are promoted by the EST.

Available Funding/Support

This scheme is advisory in nature, although the advice given may signpost other schemes that provide grants. EST offer up to three days of free in-house consultancy.

Energy Services schemes provide a range of benefits as follows:

- *Consumers* - they result in warmer homes, lower bills and better access to the benefits of the competitive energy market.
- *The environment* - they reduce energy consumption, lowering carbon dioxide emissions, one of the major causes of climate change.
- *Local authorities* - they help to meet their responsibilities under the Home Energy Conservation Act, tackle fuel poverty and improve the condition of housing stock.
- *Housing associations* - they improve services to tenants, lower energy bills and can result in better quality housing.
- *Energy suppliers* - they provide an added value service helping to retain existing, and to attract new customers and can help suppliers meet their obligations under the Energy Efficiency Commitment.

Eligible Activities

The EST's Energy Services programme offers a range of support materials including the following:

- A comprehensive online Energy Services Directory for local authorities, housing associations and community groups.
- A toolkit for setting up an Energy Services Affinity Deal (or preferred supplier partnership).
- The energy services review - this looks at the background and drivers of energy services, reviews active energy services schemes serving the residential sector in the UK, and considers what lessons may be learnt from similar community service models.

In addition, there is a wide range of support services available to help participants develop their own Energy Services scheme, including an advice line and up to three days of free in-house consultancy.

Under the Energy Efficiency Commitment, energy suppliers are encouraged to support and provide funding to Energy Services schemes.

Who Can Apply

Eligible applicants should be based in the UK and may include energy suppliers, financial institutions, housing associations, registered social landlords, installers, local authorities and the private sector, as well as partnerships.

Exclusions

Community Energy and CHP Residential assistance are not normally covered by this scheme.

Application

Deadline(s):

At any time.

Frequency: Ongoing programme.

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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:**[Energy Saving Trust - Practical Help Service](#)****[\[Back\]](#)****Last updated: 12 April 2010****GRANT ID: UA3150****SCHEME DETAILS**

Type	Information
Scheme Outline	The provision of advice via a website and call centre to support local authorities or housing associations in all matters which relate to the sustainable use of energy. This includes: a sign-posting facility on relevant research, projects and resources; a quarterly newsletter; and information databases.
Funding/Support	A range of advice, support and information is available to help drive forward sustainable initiatives, including helpful tools and case studies
Match Funding	Not applicable
Other	The service aims to raise awareness, promote best practice and encourage management of sustainable energy

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Local authorities and social housing providers
Size	No restrictions
Location	United Kingdom

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	The service is available at any time via the Internet and during normal office hours
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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:

Energy Saving Trust - Practical Help Service

Last updated: 12 April 2010

GRANT ID: UA3150

Reason for Last Update:

The local authority team is currently reviewing the one-to-one process to develop and strengthen the support offered to local authorities and social housing providers in meeting carbon reduction targets.

Background

The Energy Saving Trust (EST) is a non-profit organisation that provides free impartial advice on reducing CO2 emissions and sustainable energy to the business, public and community sectors, as well as to individuals. The energy advisory service for local authorities and housing associations was established in partnership with the Local Government Association (LGA), the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and the Association of Local Government of Northern Ireland.

Objectives of the Scheme

The Practical Help Programme offers a support service for local authorities and housing associations to help drive forward sustainable energy initiatives and tackle climate change.

Available Funding/Support

The Energy Saving Trust offers a range of advice, support and information to help drive forward sustainable initiatives, including helpful tools and case studies. It also offers a free enquiry service and free consultancy, including help for organisations to develop their own energy services package or scheme through up to three days of in-house consultancy, and can provide presentations at events.

Helpline for further information and advice: 0844 848 8830.

A quarterly newsletter is also available which provides a review of current policies, information on consultations, and other Energy Saving Trust news.

One-to-One Support Programme - England and Wales

The One-to-One Support Programme aims to help local authorities in England and Wales to reduce area-wide carbon emissions and demonstrate local leadership in addressing climate change. The local authority team is currently reviewing the one-to-one process to develop and strengthen the support offered to local authorities and social housing providers in meeting carbon reduction targets. The reorganisation and development of services will result in some changes to the programme that will be offered to local authorities recruited in 2010/11.

Once the new structure is in place, the Energy Saving Trust will communicate further with all local authorities. In the interim, any questions can be directed to the appropriate Local Authority Support Manager.

Recruitment dates for the One-to-One Programme are still being determined. Details will be circulated in due course.

Contact details of the Local Authority Support Managers are available on the Energy Saving Trust website at: <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/business/Business/Local-Authorities/Support-services/Local-authority-one-to-one-support>

Following the Review of Public Administration, applications from local authorities in Northern Ireland wishing to join the programme in 2010/11 will not be accepted. The programme will instead focus on social housing providers.

Eligible Activities

The Energy Saving Trust's services are available to local authorities and housing associations to help drive forward sustainable energy initiatives and to help make carbon savings.

Who Can Apply

The service is available to all local authorities in the UK, in particular, staff involved in energy matters, including housing or transport eg energy managers and HECA officers.

The service is also available to other housing providers such as registered social housing providers.

Exclusions

The telephone and e-mail service is only available within the UK.

Criteria

The sponsor requests that local authorities and housing providers assist in the operation of the signposting service, through providing information on relevant projects or research.

Application

Deadline(s):

Advice and information is available at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE:**Envirowise****[Back]**

Last updated: 06 April 2010

GRANT ID: UG1160

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Information
Scheme Outline	Information and advice for UK businesses on all environmental issues including waste minimisation, cleaner technology, compliance and pollution prevention. Services include: a free helpline; Envirowise website; Fast Track visits; events; publications; information on local help available to businesses; waste minimisation and resource efficiency clubs; business expert advice on new and forthcoming legislation; and hazardous waste reviews.
Funding/Support	Information and advice
Match Funding	Not applicable

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	UK businesses and organisations
Size	Not applicable in most cases, but some services do specify a size
Location	United Kingdom

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	At any time for information and advice; organisations should contact the helpline or consult the Envirowise website
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE:

Envirowise

Last updated: 06 April 2010

GRANT ID: UG1160

Reason for Last Update:

From 1 April 2010, WRAP will be the single point of contact for material resource efficiency guidance and support for businesses, local authorities and consumers. The Envirowise helpline and website will continue to operate until June 2010. Please see the Further Information Section of this report for further details.

Background

Envirowise (previously named Environmental Technology Best Practice Programme) is managed by AEA Technology PLC and funded by the Government, working in partnership with the Scottish Executive, Northern Ireland Assembly and Welsh Assembly Government.

Since 1994, Envirowise has helped UK industry save more than £1 billion by reducing waste early on in their business processes.

Objectives of the Scheme

Envirowise aims to help UK companies get 'wise' to the business benefits of good environmental practices. It aims to do this by providing UK companies with access to free and confidential independent advice on all environmental issues including waste minimisation, cleaner technology, compliance and pollution prevention. By emphasising the reduction and elimination of waste and pollution at source, Envirowise encourages and helps companies to improve both their environmental and economic performance.

Available Funding/Support

Envirowise offers UK business free, independent, confidential advice and support on practical ways to increase profits, minimise waste and reduce environmental impact.

The issues covered include the following:

- Eco Design.
- EMS.
- Hazardous Waste.
- Legislation.
- Managing Behaviour Change.
- Packaging.
- Waste Management.
- Water.

Eligible Activities

Envirowise provides the following services:

Environment and Energy Helpline

The helpline is a freephone service with access to a wide range of environmental information. It is staffed by expert advisers who can provide up to two hours free advice for every query. Callers to the helpline are eligible to receive detailed advice, based on their specific circumstances and the industrial area in which they operate.

Topics covered by the helpline include legislation, climate change, pollution control, packaging regulations and environmental management systems.

Tel: (0800) 585794

Envirowise website

The Envirowise website complements the helpline with answers to more than 200 of the most frequently asked questions and detailed datasheets addressing specific issues, all written by experts in their fields. Visitors to the site are able to browse through answers according to industry sector or waste issue and download unlimited documents for free.

The Envirowise website can be accessed at:

<http://www.envirowise.gov.uk>

Organisations seeking help specifically with new or forthcoming legislation should consult:

<http://www.envirowise.gov.uk/legislation>

On-site and Fast Track visits

A range of on-site and Fast Track visits are available to eligible companies based in Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Visits are free and confidential on-site waste reviews, primarily aimed at SMEs with less than 250 employees. Envirowise's independent consultants work with eligible companies to identify waste minimisation opportunities and potential savings. In order to arrange a Fast Track visit, interested parties should contact the Environment and Energy Helpline (see telephone number above) or complete an application form on-line.

Once a company has requested a visit, Envirowise consultants liaise with a company-nominated waste minimisation champion. Consultants use specialist software, based on best practice methods, to analyse input and output in every area of a business. Working with finance teams, consultants develop achievable waste minimisation plans designed to deliver savings quickly. Consultants can also address specific concerns and advise on legislation.

Waste minimisation champions are provided with detailed reports on findings, as well as an agreed action plan. Participating companies can also request a software programme designed to help them monitor progress and track savings.

Events and Workshops

Envirowise runs and attends a number of events, workshops and exhibitions each year. Activities range from running full training workshops on particular issues to attending trade fairs for different industrial sectors.

A list of events, searchable by area, sector, issues and date, is available on the Envirowise website at:

<http://www.envirowise.gov.uk/uk/our-services/events-and-workshops.html>

Publications

Envirowise produces a range of publications containing advice on a variety of resource efficiency and waste minimisation topics. Publications include 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.

The Envirowise publications database can be searched for the most relevant publications by region, sector or interest.

Full details of specific publications available from Envirowise are available at:

<http://www.envirowise.gov.uk/uk/Our-Services/Publications.html>

Resource Efficiency Clubs/Waste Minimisation Clubs

Resource Efficiency Clubs allow companies to share experiences and ideas and gain access to a variety of help available locally and nationally.

According to an Envirowise survey, more than 1,100 companies across the UK are saving over £45 million every year after joining Resource Efficiency Clubs.

For more information on clubs, interested parties are advised to contact either the Environment and Energy Helpline or access the Envirowise website.

Who Can Apply

Participation is open to organisations or companies in the United Kingdom.

Some information or advisory services may be restricted on the size of the company that is eligible to apply.

Application

Deadline(s):

At any time for information and advice.

Useful information:

In the first instance, interested parties should contact the Envirowise Environment and Energy Helpline or consult the Envirowise website for further information on the services available.

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Comment

April 2010:

From 1 April 2010, WRAP will be the single point of contact for material resource efficiency guidance and support for businesses, local authorities and consumers. This follows DEFRA's decision in 2009 to ask WRAP to lead on the development of a single body in this area of work.

The changes are designed to make it simpler, quicker and easier for people to get the information and help they need, whilst offering better value to the taxpayer through the avoidance of duplication. The project

is forecast to produce an ongoing reduction in programme costs of £5.2 million from 2010/11 with the same high level of service.
The Envirowise helpline and website will continue to operate until June 2010, but from 1 April 2010 WRAP will be the single point of contact for material resource efficiency guidance and support for businesses, local authorities and consumers.



EUROPEAN COMMUNITY:**European Investment Bank - Individual Loans**[\[Back\]](#)

Last updated: 15 October 2010

GRANT ID: ZI0760

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Loan
Term	Unspecified
Scheme Outline	Capital investment projects in industry and related services, tourism, transport, telecommunications, water, environmental protection and energy, including trans European network (TENS) projects.
Eligible Costs	Costs
Funding/Support	Up to 50% of project costs for projects costing up to EUR 25 million - apply to bank and finance houses in UK (see ZI0510). Fixed or floating rates are charged
Match Funding	May be used as match funding for UK schemes

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Individual or business, private, public, semi-public; local or regional authorities; companies; cooperatives
Size	Varies
Location	EC Member States

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	At any time
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EUROPEAN COMMUNITY:

European Investment Bank - Individual Loans

Last updated: 15 October 2010

GRANT ID: ZI0760

Reason for Last Update:

This scheme continues to operate as reported previously.

Background

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is the European Union's financing institution. It provides medium and long-term finance for projects. Owned by the EC Member States, it was set up in 1958 under the Treaty of Rome, at the same time as the EC, to support capital investment promoting the Community's balanced development. It has a subscribed capital base of EUR 164.8 billion.

The EIB is a non-profit, policy-driven public bank. It operates to fund, on a non-profit-making basis, projects meeting European Community objectives.

The EIB does not:

- take deposits;
- manage savings accounts to fund its assets;
- have private customers;
- manage personal bank accounts;
- conduct over-the-counter transactions;
- provide private investment advice;
- manage stock portfolios; or
- provide overdraft or short-term lending facilities.

The EIB operates like a development bank, raising its resources on the financial and capital markets, mainly through bond issues or other specialised capital market operations.

The EIB makes long-term loans for mainly capital investment projects (mainly fixed assets) but does not provide grants.

Objectives of the Scheme

The EIB supports projects that directly or indirectly meet Community priorities. In practice a wide range of investment in all sectors of the economy qualifies for financing by contributing, directly or indirectly, to Community objectives.

The EIB's Corporate Operational Plan (COP) defines a three-year rolling medium-term programme and sets operational priorities in the light of the objectives assigned by the Bank's Board of Governors. The EIB's six main COP lending priorities for the years 2008-2010 are as follows:

- Cohesion and convergence.
- Support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
- Environmental sustainability.
- Implementation of the Knowledge Economy (i2i).
- Development of Trans-European Networks of transport and energy (TENs).
- Sustainable, competitive and secure energy.

Available Funding/Support

The EIB provides loan finance and guarantees. It does not provide grants or subsidies within the Community, although it does provide venture capital finance through the European Investment Fund (GRANTfinder ref ZI0430). By definition, loans require a customer willing to borrow and an investment that can repay the debt. The Bank does not lend on the basis of geographical or sectoral quotas. Its lending depends on the existence of viable eligible projects (therefore excluding business rescue proposals), interest rates, conditions and liquidity of financial markets, and the general economic environment.

The amount of an EIB credit facility can be for up to half the gross investment costs of a project or of a group of schemes, including related intangible assets and expenditure already incurred on current capital programmes.

Loans

The term of each loan depends upon the nature of the project concerned.

Individual Loans (Direct Loans)

Individual loans (direct loans) are granted to projects where the total investment cost exceeds EUR 25 million (EUR 10 million in the case of ACP).

The EIB may finance a maximum of 50% of the total cost of any project.

Individual loans are available to promoters in both the public and private sectors, including banks.

The conditions of financing are adapted to the investment type. Adequate security is needed, such as that provided by a bank or banking syndicate, a financial institution, or a large diversified parent company with a good credit rating.

Interest Rates:

The Bank can offer:

- fixed rates;
- revisable fixed rates; and
- convertible rates (allowing for the change of interest rate formula during the life of the loan at predetermined dates or periods.)

Fees:

The EIB does not normally charge commitment fees or non-utilisation fees. Fees for a project's appraisal and required legal services may be applicable in certain cases.

Currencies:

The EIB Group's financial accounts are in Euro (EUR). In addition, the Bank can lend in the following:

- UK Sterling (GBP).
- US Dollar (USD).
- Japanese Yen (JPY).
- Swedish and Danish Crowns (SEK and DKK).
- Swiss Franc (CHF).
- Currencies of Candidate Countries and other EIB partner countries.

Repayment:

Repayment is normally on a semi-annual or annual basis. Grace periods for capital repayment may be granted for the construction phase of the project.

Intermediated Loans

EIB Intermediated loans are lines of credit or indirect loans designed to permit the financing of projects with a total investment cost of less than EUR 25 million (EUR 10 million in the case of ACP).

An EIB credit line may finance a maximum of 50% of the total cost of any project.

Credit lines are granted to intermediary banks and financing institutions in the country in which the project is based. These institutions pass on the EIB funds to the promoters, generally SMEs and local authorities.

To qualify as an SME, a company must have fewer than 250 employees, an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million, and an annual balance sheet total of up to EUR 43 million.

Conditions:

The conditions of financing (interest rate, grace period, loan period etc) are determined by the respective EIB partner bank. Maturities typically range between five and 12 years.

Lending decisions under these schemes remain with the financial intermediaries.

Promoters are requested to apply directly to one of the intermediary banks and financing institutions, which operate on a national, regional or local level.

Guarantees

Within the EU, the Bank may provide guarantees for senior and subordinated debt. The guarantee is either a standard guarantee or debt service guarantee similar to that offered by monoline insurers.

Depending on the underlying funding structure of the operation, an EIB guarantee may be more attractive than an EIB loan.

It can provide:

- higher value-added; and
- lower capital charges - under Basel II, EIB guarantees provide a zero risk weighting to the guaranteed obligation.

In addition, the Loan Guarantee Instrument for TEN Transport (LGTT) is designed to guarantee revenue risks during a limited period following construction of TENs projects, notably under a PPP structure.

Match Funding

Although it is not necessary to obtain national grants for co-financing purposes, it is possible to use EIB loans as match funding to obtain grants to help cover the shortfall in co-financing. The EIB normally does not provide more than half of a project's cost.

Eligible Activities

The EIB finances projects across most sectors. These projects must contribute to the following EU economic policy objectives:

- Cohesion and convergence promotes developing regions within the EU and is key to the integration objectives of the Union.
- Support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is central to the EU's economy and employment.
- Environmental projects play an important role for the EIB, protecting and improving the natural environment, and promote social wellbeing in the interest of sustainable development.
- Innovation supports the goal of establishing a competitive, innovative and knowledge-based European economy.
- Trans-European Networks (TENs) are large infrastructure networks of transport, energy and telecommunications underpinning the developmental and integration goals of the European Union.
- Promoting sustainable, competitive and secure energy sources.
- Support for human capital, notably health and education.

Who Can Apply

Loans are available to businesses of all sizes located in the European Union for viable capital development projects.

To qualify for EIB finance, projects are not judged only on their potential profitability (or indirect profitability in the case of infrastructure). They have to meet at least one of the Bank's objectives (see previous section). Economically and technically viable projects in all productive sectors of the economy may be financed: in infrastructure and investment in industry, agricultural processing, agriculture, energy, tourism and services of direct benefit to industry. Loans are made irrespective of a borrower's legal status or nationality, to private, public, or semi-public bodies, local or regional authorities, companies, cooperatives, etc., or to the State itself. The EIB may also guarantee loans from other sources where the projects being financed meet its financing criteria.

Finance advanced via financial intermediaries is mainly to small or medium sized enterprises (SMEs), who may be private or public enterprises, or public bodies such as local authorities.

The EU definition of an SME differs to that used by the EIB.

The European Commission operates a common definition for SMEs that is generally used within the EU, except by the European Investment Bank and its subsidiary, the European Investment Fund, who both use the former definition of an SME ie. an enterprise with up to 500 employees and net fixed assets of up to EUR 75 million. The European Commission definitions for SMEs are as follows:

- Medium-sized Enterprises:
 - fewer than 250 employees;
 - annual turnover below EUR 50 million or an annual balance sheet total up to EUR 43 million.
- Small Enterprises:
 - fewer than 50 employees;
 - annual turnover or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 10 million.
- Very Small Enterprises:
 - fewer than 10 employees;
 - annual turnover or balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 2 million.

In addition, SMEs may not be owned more than 25% by one or more large enterprises.

Note: Despite the EIB definition of SMEs. eg 500 or less employees, facilities set up by the EIB because of an EU directive use the EC definitions.

The criteria for company size may be relaxed for projects relating to more efficient energy use, infrastructure and environmental protection.

Exclusions

Projects costing less than £16 million (EUR 25 million) are not normally eligible for directly negotiated loans. Such projects may be financed indirectly (see GRANTfinder reference ZI0510).

Criteria

1. EIB loans are subject to normal banking criteria. In addition the EIB must be satisfied that the project fits in with its objectives.

2. Like any long-term lending institution, the EIB requires adequate guarantees or security to ensure repayment of its loans, as laid down in its Statute. An adequate guarantee could be provided by the State, a public institution, a well-diversified parent company, a bank or banking syndicate, long-term credit institution, etc. The EIB may sometimes consider taking as security an assignment of secure project revenues.

The Bank's examination of the economic and technical viability of projects is to satisfy it about the soundness of investment to be financed.

3. A project which includes the acquisition of second-hand fixed assets (property or machinery) will be eligible only if:
 1. the EIB has not already funded the fixed assets in question; and
 2. the second-hand assets represent not more than half of the project cost.
4. The purchase of land can be financed only if it represents a small part of the total project cost.
5. There are no job creation criteria, but the EIB is interested in the estimated number of jobs likely to be created or maintained by each project.
6. A small or medium sized enterprise with a fixed asset investment of at least £33,000 (EUR 40,000) may be considered for EIB funding via banks/finance houses regardless of where it is located. All of the work involved in applying for and negotiating the EIB finance is carried out by the bank or finance house which receives a global loan. Customers may apply for loans to their bank in the normal way. Once eligibility is confirmed, customers must agree to the Bank supplying financial information about their business to the EIB, and to the principle of a site visit from an EIB representative. In all cases, the EIB is the final arbiter in assessing eligibility.
7. A project (or programme) of up to £15 million promoted by a company or entity that is not an SME, may be considered as eligible within these EIB loan schemes via the banks if it is for energy saving, environmental protection, is aimed at improving industrial competitiveness or is a qualifying infrastructure investment. Even if it is not eligible under these categories (energy, environment etc.), it may still be dealt with within these loan facilities, on an exceptional basis provided it benefits regional development. Large companies should in any event consider contacting EIB directly.

Application

Deadline(s):

Applications may be made at any time.

Frequency: Ongoing financial facility.

Useful information:

Enquiries about loans may be made directly to the EIB on an informal basis, by telephone or in writing, as with any other bank. The EIB can handle enquiries in any one of the Community's nine official languages and is happy to help with request for information about financing possibilities. Contact should be with either the Bank's headquarters in Luxembourg or one of its other offices.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE:

Feed-in Tariff Scheme

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Last updated: 14 April 2010

GRANT ID: UGCV90

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Other
Scheme Outline	This scheme requires energy suppliers in Great Britain 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.
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

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Householders and communities with eligible, small-scale renewable electricity and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) units
Size	Up to 5 Mega Watts
Location	Great Britain

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	At any time
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CONTACT

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE:

Feed-in Tariff Scheme

Last updated: 14 April 2010

GRANT ID: UGCV90

Reason for Last Update:

This scheme came into force on 1 April 2010.

Background

The Feed-in Tariff Scheme, also known as Clean Energy Cashback, came into effect on 1 April 2010. Feed-in tariffs (FITs) work alongside the Renewables Obligation (reported separately on GRANTfinder under reference number UC9150) which will remain the primary mechanism to incentivise deployment of large-scale renewable electricity generation, and the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) which will incentivise generation of heat from renewable sources at all scales. The Government launched a [Consultation on the Renewable Heat Incentive \(RHI\)](#) on 1 February 2010.

Ofgem is responsible for the administration of the scheme on behalf of the Government. This includes administering a centralised database to enable suppliers to register eligible installations via its online registration system.

Objectives of the Scheme

This scheme requires energy suppliers to make regular payments to householders and communities who generate their own electricity from small-scale, renewable or low carbon sources such as solar electricity (PV) panels or wind turbines.

Available Funding/Support

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 Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS). For further details see the Criteria Section of this report.

Those eligible for FIT will benefit as follows:

- 1. Generation tariff** – a set rate paid by the energy supplier for each unit (or kWh) of electricity generated. This rate will change each year for new entrants to the scheme (except for the first two years), but once the scheme has been joined, the same tariff will apply for 20 years, or 25 years in the case of solar electricity (PV).
- 2. Export tariff** - a further 3p/kWh will be received from the energy supplier for each unit exported back to the electricity grid, that is when it is not used on site. The export rate is the same for all technologies.
- 3. Energy bill savings** – savings will be made on electricity bills, because generating electricity to power appliances means buying less electricity from the energy supplier. The amount saved will vary, depending how much of the electricity is used on site.

The following are example tariff levels for technologies installed between 15 July 2009 and 31 March 2012:

Technology	Scale	Tariff level (p/kWh)	Tariff lifetime (years)
Solar electricity (PV)	≤4 kW (retro fit)	41.3	25
Solar electricity (PV)	≤4 kW (new build)	36.1	25
Wind	≤1.5 kW	34.5	20
Wind	>1.5 - 15 kW	26.7	20
Micro CHP	≤2kW	10.0	10
Hydroelectricity	≤15 kW	19.9	20

The tariff levels shown in the table above apply to installations completed from 15 July 2009 to 31 March 2012 for the lifetime of the tariff. After this date, the rates decrease each year for new entrants into the scheme. Tariff levels vary depending on the scale of the installation. All generation and export tariffs will be linked to the Retail Price Index (RPI) which ensures that each year they follow the rate of inflation.

Eligible Activities

The scheme covers the following electricity-generating technologies, up to 5 Mega Watts:

- Solar electricity (PV) (roof mounted or stand-alone).
- Wind turbine (building mounted or free standing).
- Hydroelectricity.
- Anaerobic digestion.
- Micro combined heat and power (mCHP) (limited to a pilot at this stage).

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 Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS). For further details see the Criteria Section of this report.

Who Can Apply

Householders and communities with eligible, small-scale renewable electricity and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) units.

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 MCS scheme. 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-Energy-Cashback-scheme>

Exclusions

1. Non-microgeneration installations (capacity above 50kW up to and including 5MW) installed before 15 July 2009 are not eligible for FITs but will continue to be supported through the Renewables Obligation.
2. Systems that are not MCS certificated will not be eligible to receive the FIT generation tariff or the guaranteed FIT export tariff.

Criteria

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 Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS).

Applicants will qualify for the full FIT payments if:

- the technology was installed between 15 July 2009 and 31 March 2010; or
- the technology was installed on or after 1 April 2010 using an MCS certificated product and installer.

The Microgeneration Certification Scheme is an independent scheme that certificates microgeneration products under 50kW and installers in accordance with consistent standards. Any systems over 50kW and all anaerobic digestion installations must apply directly through the ROO-FIT process as they are not covered by the MCS.

Installations completed before 15 July 2009

Microgeneration installations (capacity of 50kW and below) installed before 15 July 2009 and accredited under the Renewables Obligation (RO) before 31 March 2010 will transfer to the FITs scheme at a tariff level equivalent to previous support that was available through the RO.

Link to guidelines:

Department of Energy and Climate Change:

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/uk_supply/energy_mix/renewable/feedin_tariff/feedin_tariff.aspx

Energy Saving Trust:

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

Application

Deadline:

At any time.

Frequency: Ongoing programme.

Useful information:

Entrants to the scheme will require an additional electricity meter to measure the electricity that their system is generating, and also to measure how much is being fed back into the electricity grid.

Once the chosen installer has installed a generating technology, they will register the entrant on the central FIT database and a certificate confirming FIT compliance will be received. Entrants must then inform their chosen energy supplier that they are eligible to receive the FIT by providing the certificate.

The supplier will then cross reference the installation with the central FIT database. Payments will be made by the energy supplier. Meter readings may need to be supplied if requested.

A list of the energy suppliers who can provide FITs can be found on the OfGem website at:

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/fits/rfits/Pages/rfits.aspx>

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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:**Green Energy Trust**[\[Back\]](#)

Last updated: 19 August 2010

GRANT ID: UGQ420

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Grant
Term	Unspecified
Scheme Outline	The Green Energy Trust supports the development of new renewable energy sources in the UK that will help to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and combat climate change. 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
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
Other	The Trust supports all kinds of renewable technologies, including, but not restricted to, small-scale hydro, wind power, biomass, landfill gas, solar energy and ground source heat pumps

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Not-for-profit
Size	No restrictions
Location	United Kingdom

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	The Trust meets three times a year to consider applications usually during the first week of April, September and December. Applications should be submitted seven weeks prior to the Trustees meeting
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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:

Green Energy Trust

Last updated: 19 August 2010

GRANT ID: UGQ420

Reason for Last Update:

There have been no changes to the operation of this scheme.

Background

The Green Energy Trust is funded by ScottishPowers Green Energy Fund and its customers.

Objectives of the Scheme

The Green Energy Trust supports the development of new renewable energy sources in the UK helping to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and combat climate change.

The aims and objectives of the Green Energy Trust are:

- to assist in the creation of new renewable electricity sources; and
- to promote education in the community regarding new renewable energy generation.

Available Funding/Support

The Trust can provide up to 50% of the project costs up to a maximum of £25,000.

Eligible Activities

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. Projects are generally required to meet both these criteria and requests must be to support the capital and installation costs of a renewable energy projects.

The Trust supports all kinds of renewable technologies, including, but not restricted to, small-scale hydro, wind power, biomass, landfill gas, solar energy and ground source heat pumps. Applications involving other technologies may also qualify for support

Who Can Apply

Applications are invited from not-for-profit organisations, local community groups and charities to carry out community-based renewable energy and educational products within the UK.

Exclusions

1. Projects that will only benefit private companies, individuals or government bodies are not eligible for support.
2. Support is not available for feasibility studies.

Criteria

Products must support communities through education and public involvement.

Application

Deadline(s):

The Trust meets three times a year to consider applications usually during the first week of April, September and December. Applications should be submitted seven weeks prior to the Trustees meeting.

Frequency: Tri-annual.

Link to guidelines:

<http://www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk/content/default.asp?page=s4>

Useful information:

Application forms are available to complete online at the website address below. Further information may be requested from the applicant.

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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:**Groundwork - Groundwork Programmes****[Back]****Last updated: 14 September 2010****GRANT ID: UG2040****SCHEME DETAILS**

Type	Information
Scheme Outline	Groundwork is a federation of Trusts in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, each working with their partners to improve the quality of the local environment, the lives of local people and the success of local businesses in areas in need of investment and support. The support available varies between the local Trusts.
Funding/Support	Varies
Match Funding	Other local financial support necessary
Other	There are various Groundwork programmes, both national and local. Applicants must normally be located within the local Groundwork office's discretionary sphere of influence

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Communities in need
Size	Predominantly small to medium-sized
Location	England, Northern Ireland and Wales

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	Interested parties should contact their local Groundwork Trust to identify any training or support available in their area
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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:

Groundwork - Groundwork Programmes

Last updated: 14 September 2010

GRANT ID: UG2040

Reason for Last Update:

Information on Groundwork's involvement in new major initiatives has been added to the Eligible Activities Section of this report.

Background

Groundwork is a federation of Trusts in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, each working with their partners to improve the quality of the local environment, the lives of local people and the success of local businesses in areas in need of investment and support.

Each Groundwork Trust is a partnership of the public, private and voluntary sectors with its own board of Trustees.

The work of the Trusts is supported by the national and regional offices of Groundwork UK and by Groundwork Wales.

The first Groundwork Trust was established on Merseyside in 1981. This was soon followed by five more, and in 1983 it was announced that Groundwork would go national. In 1990, at the request of the Government, Groundwork expanded its work to include inner cities and town centres, and began concentrating on supporting people and businesses in deprived neighbourhoods.

Overview of Available Schemes

Groundwork's aim is to create change. It does this through individual projects and initiatives that change places and change lives across the UK.

Projects generally fall within the following subject areas:

- Skills training and employment.
- Community Work.
- Improving open spaces.
- Young people's development.
- Greener living and working.

Available Funding/Support

Groundwork delivers projects and programmes, manages contracts and delivers services that can help:

- build safer and stronger communities;
- promote health and wellbeing;
- support local skills and enterprise;
- provide young people with something to do and somewhere to go; and
- promote environmental sustainability and tackle climate change.

Eligible Activities

Groundwork's activities are delivered through programmes which have been developed and delivered in partnership with a wide variety of organisations. Examples of some major initiatives are given below; however, it is advisable to contact the nearest Groundwork office for details of local activities.

Cadbury's Spots v Stripes

Groundwork has joined with Cadbury to help bring their Spots v Stripes campaign to communities across the UK. To create the largest and longest running game ever, Cadbury is inviting the nation to divide into two teams, Spots v Stripes and play all sorts of games in the run up to the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012.

Between now and summer of 2012 Groundwork will be recruiting 2,000 volunteer Games Ambassadors to help support Spots v Stripes games and activities all year round.

Groundwork and Cadbury are also working together alongside local communities in Birmingham, Sheffield, Chirk, Marlbrook, Dublin, Uxbridge, Reading, Crediton, and Hackney to help improve community spaces near to their sites for playing games. Further information is on the Groundwork website at:

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/what-we-do/major-initiatives/cadburys-spots-v-stripes.aspx>

Future Jobs Fund

With the support of the Future Jobs Fund, Groundwork and the National Housing Federation are working with the Department for Work & Pensions to break the 'no experience, no work' cycle. Groundwork are creating over 2,000 jobs to improve the skills, confidence and employability of jobseekers and improve the quality of life for hundreds of local communities.

The partnership has a combined network of 90 organisations across the UK able to provide local jobs for local people, including: energy efficiency advisors, neighbourhood caretakers, land management workers and recycling workers.

Further information is available on the Groundwork website at:

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/what-we-do/major-initiatives/future-jobs-fund.aspx>

Community Spaces

(Reported separately on GRANTfinder under reference number UGU850)

Community Spaces is a £50 million open grants programme that is managed by Groundwork UK as an Award Partner to the Big Lottery Fund. The programme helps community groups create or improve green and open spaces so that the quality of life in neighbourhoods across England is enhanced.

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New Horizons

The New Horizons programme, backed by £300,000 funding from v, the youth volunteering charity, provides ex-offenders aged between 16 and 25 with voluntary work experience. Opportunities range from improving the local environment to constructing environmentally friendly social housing. The young people gain experience and skills to help them enter future employment and substantially reduce the risk of reoffending.

In addition, the programme provides accredited training to ensure these new skills are recognised by other employers. Participants also benefit from mentoring support and work towards personal development plans aimed at building their confidence and raising their aspirations.

Further information is available from:

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United Futures

United Futures is a partnership between Groundwork and United Utilities, which aims to strengthen strategic working between the two organisations, while delivering practical environmental improvements in communities served by the company.

The programme is expected to run until 2010.

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Marks & Spencer Greener Living Spaces

Groundwork has joined forces with Marks & Spencer to launch a national programme aimed at improving parks, play areas and community gardens across the UK. The programme is funded by the profits derived from the charge introduced by M&S for food carrier bags as part of its sustainability programme.

Further information is available from:

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Local Landscapes

Groundwork is working in partnership with WREN (a not for profit business reported separately on GRANTfinder under reference number UG9620) - on a national programme to boost green infrastructure in urban areas.

The Local Landscapes programme recognises that through planning and developing a network of connected open spaces, a green infrastructure can contribute to addressing the effects of climate change, encouraging biodiversity and promoting healthy lifestyles. Local Landscapes will create five open spaces, each using £22,800 funding. The 12-month programme will aim to engage with local people by offering a range of

volunteering opportunities in the development and delivery of the project. The five projects will take place in Birmingham, Nottingham, Shefford, Didcot and Castleford.

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/what-we-do/major-initiatives/local-landscapes.aspx>

Green Doctor

The Green Doctor programme offers home visits and advice on energy, explaining how to access grant support for improvements and giving support on other environmental issues such as recycling, composting and water use, Green Doctors show people in target areas around the country how to make their homes more environmentally friendly and cheaper to run.

Further information is available from the Groundwork website at:

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/what-we-do/major-initiatives/green-doctor.aspx>

Climate Cops Green Fingers

Groundwork is working with npower to deliver the Climate Cops Green Fingers project in ten competition-winning schools in urban areas across the UK.

Climate Cops Green Fingers is a national programme run in selected inner-city schools that aims to provide innovative outdoor classrooms for creative and inventive learning and address a lack of quality green space for four to seven year olds.

Further information is available from the Groundwork website at:

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/what-we-do/major-initiatives/climate-cops-green-fing.aspx>

Target: Wellbeing

Target: Wellbeing is a portfolio of over 90 projects that focus on:

- increasing exercise;
- encouraging healthier eating;
- promoting mental wellbeing.

It is made up of projects delivered by 67 local organisations, benefiting over 55,000 people and is funded by £8.9 million from the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund. It is managed by Groundwork Northwest for the benefit of targeted communities across the Northwest of England.

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/what-we-do/major-initiatives/target-wellbeing.aspx>

ENWORKS

ENWORKS is a unique business support programme co-ordinating environmental advice, training and support to businesses throughout the Northwest of England. It is a partnership between a range of organisations and is managed by Groundwork. It was established in 2001 to ensure that high quality environmental business support is available to all businesses throughout the region and is delivered in a co-ordinated way, avoiding duplication and learning from success.

Further information is available on the Groundwork website at:

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/what-we-do/major-initiatives/enworks.aspx>

Le Tour de Groundwork: Cycling to Sustainability

Groundwork works with communities across the UK to help them to live an environmentally sustainable lifestyle. Its community cycling projects are just one of the ways Groundwork helps people to socialise, get fit, and enjoy their local environment while also doing their bit to lower their carbon emissions. Further information is available from the Groundwork website at:

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/what-we-do/major-initiatives/le-tour-de-groundwork.aspx>

Who Can Apply

Groundwork supports communities in need, working with partners to help improve the quality of people's lives, their prospects and potential and the places where they live, work and play.

Each Groundwork Trust is a partnership of the public, private and voluntary sectors with its own Board of Trustees. The work of the trusts is supported by the national and regional offices of Groundwork UK and by Groundwork Wales.

Exclusions

Applicants are advised to contact Groundwork directly for information on exclusions which may apply to individual programmes.

Criteria

The criteria vary between Groundwork programmes and may vary between Groundwork areas. It is advisable to contact the nearest Groundwork office for details.

Application

Groundwork identifies sources of grant aid and funding schemes and puts in bids with backing from various partners. The sending out of tenders and consultation with contractors is dealt with by the coordinating office, Groundwork UK.

Preliminary application and enquiries can be made informally by telephone to the local Groundwork Trust or to Groundwork UK. A visit to the company by a Groundwork Officer is then likely.

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Information about Groundwork's regional offices and local Groundwork Trusts can be found at:

Website: <http://www.groundwork.org.uk/in-your-area.aspx>

LOCAL & REGIONAL GRANTS:**Heathrow Community and Environment Large Grants Awards**[\[Back\]](#)

Last updated: 31 August 2010

GRANT ID: UGBG90

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Grant
Term	Unspecified
Scheme Outline	The awards are designed to help groups across the Heathrow area to fund projects to support their community and improve their local environment. Awards will be made to local community projects focused on five themes: 'climate change and energy', 'reduce, re-use, recycle'; 'protecting and enhancing our environment'; 'bringing communities together' and 'education and developing skills'.
Funding/Support	Groups can bid for awards of over £2,500 – £50,000
Match Funding	Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of 10 per cent match funding of the total amount applied for. This can be Gift in Kind including volunteer time valued at £10 per hour for unskilled labour and £20 per hour for skilled labour

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	The scheme is open to local authorities, schools and community groups
Size	No restrictions, although projects must be no larger in size than £100,000
Location	One of the eight local boroughs around Heathrow: Ealing, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Richmond, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Runnymede, Spelthorne, and Slough

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	The round one, two and round three final deadline has now passed. Round four final deadline: 3 December 2010. Expression of Interest deadlines also apply
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LOCAL & REGIONAL GRANTS:

Heathrow Community and Environment Large Grants Awards

Last updated: 31 August 2010

GRANT ID: UBG90

Reason for Last Update:

Deadline details have been updated in this report.

Background

The Awards are sponsored by Heathrow Airport in partnership with Groundwork Thames Valley and funded by money collected from Heathrow's airlines that breach the Government's noise limits on departure. Airlines are fined £500 for breaches of 3 decibels or less and £1,000 for over 3 decibels.

Objectives of the Scheme

The awards are designed to help groups across the Heathrow area to fund projects to support their community and improve their local environment. Awards will be made to local community projects focused on five themes: 'climate change and energy', 'reduce, re-use, recycle'; 'protecting and enhancing our environment'; 'bringing communities together' and 'education and developing skills'.

Available Funding/Support

Groups can bid for awards of over £2,500 – £50,000.

Match Funding

Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of 10% match funding of the total amount applied for. This can be Gift in Kind including volunteer time valued at £10 per hour for unskilled labour and £20 per hour for skilled labour.

Eligible Activities

Projects must fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

Climate change and energy

Projects must achieve energy efficiency and encourage other groups or organisations involved in the project to reduce energy consumption where possible. Projects with a focus on climate change and energy must provide evidence of how this was achieved on completion of the project.

Example: Installing a grey water recycling system, installing solar panels in a school and educating children about the use and benefit, finding and reducing a school's carbon footprint.

Protecting and enhancing our environment

Projects with a focus on protecting and enhancing the environment must seek advice and support from local organisations in the area concerned with nature and wildlife conservation. Local communities must be involved and consulted on any projects that aim to improve public access sites. Evidence of advice sought and local consultation, must be provided on completion of the project.

Example: Turning school grounds into a nature reserve, running an environment festival to inform and assist the community about composting, recycling, energy efficiency etc.

Bringing communities together

Projects taking place in public access sites must not exclude any section of the community. Community projects will also need to show how the project will continue once BAA funding has been spent. Projects that aim to bring communities together must show evidence of how all sections of the community have been identified and involved on completion.

Example: Constructing a play area, improving a community building, holding a community event etc.

Education and developing skills

Projects with a focus on developing skills will need to show how participating individuals have developed existing skills or learnt new ones. Benefits to the community as a whole would need to be considered on completion.

Example: Constructing an outdoor classroom, setting up adult education classes, providing new educational facilities etc.

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Projects must make efforts to reduce, reuse or recycle at every stage, where possible. Projects that have a focus of reduce, reuse, recycle must provide evidence of how this was achieved on completion of the project.

Example: Setting up a recycling scheme or setting up a sustainable school.

Who Can Apply

The scheme is open to local authorities, schools and community groups – this could be a youth club, residents association, charity, or even a group of like-minded neighbours – within the eight local boroughs around Heathrow:

- Slough.

- Hillingdon.
- Hounslow.
- Ealing.
- Richmond.
- Windsor & Maidenhead.
- Spelthorne.
- Runnymede.

Exclusions

Heathrow will fund capital and revenue project costs but will not fund salaried posts.

Criteria

1. Grants will be offered to projects no larger in size than £100,000 and where BAA Heathrow is the majority funder.
2. The funding provider will require evidence of consultation for projects that take place in public access areas.
3. Projects must provide lasting benefits and applicants must show evidence of planning, to maintain or build upon the achievements of the project. For schools and colleges, applicants must demonstrate how (where possible) the community will benefit and how applicants involved pupils and parents in the process.
4. Applicants must obtain all necessary consents and permissions required for the project to commence.
5. Projects must be completed within one year of acceptance of a grant from Heathrow Airport Limited.
6. All successful applicants must agree to publicise their grant in the local media. Heathrow community and environment large grants awards must be correctly acknowledged as the funder and any press releases and promotional material produced must include the Heathrow and Groundwork logos.
7. The organisation applying must have a constitution and a bank account requiring a minimum of two authorised signatures to release funds.

Application

Deadline(s):

Applicants must submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) about the project. This can be submitted at any time to be entered into the next judging round. If the EOI is accepted, applicants will be invited to submit a full application. This must be submitted before the next published deadline.

For applicants that are unsuccessful with the EOI, there is a second opportunity to submit another EOI before the final application stage. If unsuccessful at this stage, applications will only be accepted for the following round.

Round One deadlines:

- First EOI: Now passed.
- Second EOI: Now passed.
- Final Application: Now passed.

Round Two deadlines:

- First EOI: Now passed.
- Second EOI: Now passed.
- Final Application: Now passed.

Round Three:

- First EOI: Now passed.
- Second EOI: Now passed.
- Final Application: Now passed.

Round Four:

- First EOI: 24 September 2010.
- Second EOI: 22 October 2010.
- Final Application: 3 December 2010.

Frequency: Ongoing.

Link to guidelines:

http://www.heathrowairport.com/portal/page/Heathrow%5EGeneral%5EOur+business+and+community%5ECommunity+matters%5ECharitable+support/941c578be5532010VgnVCM100000147e120a_____/448c6a4c7f1b0010VgnVCM200000357e120a_____/

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CARBON TRUST:**Salix Energy Finance Scheme**[\[Back\]](#)

Last updated: 09 September 2010

GRANT ID: UGT690

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Loan
Scheme Outline	Salix provides 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
Other	Projects are prioritised on the basis of their capital cost per tonne of CO2 saved on a lifetime basis

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Public sector organisations, including local authorities, central Government and NHS Foundation Trusts
Size	No restrictions
Location	United Kingdom

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	Deadline(s): Varies depending on programme
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CARBON TRUST:

Salix Energy Finance Scheme

Last updated: 09 September 2010

GRANT ID: UGT690

Reason for Last Update:

As of 2 September, approximately £1 million is available through the Salix Energy Efficiency Loans programme to be allocated for projects in England that can be completed in the next four months

Background

Salix Finance is an independent, not-for-profit company that provides loans and interest-free match funding to the public sector to invest in energy efficiency measures and technologies that will reduce carbon emissions. So far, it has match funded over 800 individual projects saving more than 176,000 tonnes of CO₂ and £2.4 million in energy costs.

Salix was set up by the Carbon Trust in 2004 and is an integral part of the UK Climate Change Programme.

Objectives of the Scheme

Salix aims to secure the delivery of practical carbon saving projects in the public sector through suitable financial vehicles.

The company works with local government, the NHS, universities and central government.

Available Funding/Support

Support is provided in the following two forms:

Recycling Fund

Under this programme a public sector body is given match funding for a number of projects. The client can continue to recycle energy savings returned to the fund into more projects, always maintaining the value of the fund at a constant level. Money is returned to Salix only when no more suitable projects can be found.

Primarily, interest-free matched funding is provided, structured so that the energy savings pay the total fund back over time.

Typically, funding of around £250,000 is provided, although in some cases it can be as high as £500,000. This is matched by the applicant and fed into a ring-fenced fund to be spent on proven energy saving and renewable projects with a payback of less than five years. The energy savings are returned to the fund until the original project investment is repaid.

Salix Energy Efficiency Loans (SEELS) Programme

Salix delivers four schemes as part of its SEELS programme. Loans are targeted at specific projects, which, when completed, repay their costs to Salix from the energy savings.

RECYCLING FUND:

Recycling Fund - Local Authorities - currently closed

Local authorities have an essential role to play in helping to deliver government climate change targets as they are uniquely placed to turn national policy into reality and to have a direct interface with the public through the services they provide. They are increasingly recognising the value of managing their own energy use to help reduce running costs and to help protect their communities from the impacts of climate change.

Salix launched its Local Authority Energy Financing (LAEF) pilot scheme in 2004. The success of this programme has allowed the pilot to be rolled out into a fully fledged Local Authorities programme.

Salix is looking to receive applications from local authorities wishing to join the programme and a template is available online for potential applicants to complete and register.

Recycling Fund - NHS Foundation Trusts - currently closed

The NHS emits approximately 1 million tonnes of carbon each year and consumes about 1% of the energy consumed by the whole of England. With the Department of Health's mandatory target for the NHS to reduce its carbon emissions by 0.15 million tonnes by 2010, and regulation from the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS) and Energy Performance in Buildings Directive, reducing carbon emissions and capturing cost savings has become an increasingly important issue for the NHS.

Salix has developed a programme tailored to the needs of NHS Foundation Trust Hospitals and following a successful pilot has moved to a full programme. The primary focus of the work is to reduce carbon emissions under the control of the Foundation Trusts such as heating, cooling and lighting.

Recycling Fund - Higher Education - currently closed

Northern Ireland

Salix is operating its standard programme whereby the institute provides the match funding.

Scotland

Salix is working with the Scottish Executive to reduce the HE sector's carbon dioxide emissions.

England

Salix is working with HEFCE (the Higher Education Funding Council for England) on the HEFCE/Salix Revolving Green Fund to reduce the sector's carbon dioxide emissions.

SEELS PROGRAMME

Salix delivers four funding schemes as part of its SEELS programme:

Central Government - currently closed

SEELS provided interest free conditional grants to pay for the for the installation of a wide range of energy efficiency measures across the central government estate, providing 100% support in making further progress towards reducing their energy bills and carbon emissions.

England - open

As of 2 September 2010, approximately £1 million is available to be allocated for projects that can be completed in the next four months.

The £57 million Salix Energy Efficiency Loans fund was fully subscribed; this was achieved in less than nine months after the launch of the scheme following the 2009 budget.

Wales - currently closed

The Welsh Assembly Government made available £4 million for energy efficiency projects in the public sector. This scheme was launched in October 2009 and all of the funding was allocated by early January 2010. A further £1 million was made available to satisfy additional demand and this has been fully allocated.

Scotland Colleges - open

Salix has agreed funding with the Scottish Government to support an energy saving revolving loans programme for Scotland's colleges. Colleges can apply for loan funding from Salix for compliant energy saving capital projects. The funding has to be recycled and so will be run as interest-free project loans that are repaid over four years.

Each project must meet three compliancy tests:

- Five-year or shorter payback.
- Project is additional to anything that has been planned or is mandatory.
- Has a lifetime cost of CO2 of less than £200/tonne.

Further information is available from:

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Eligible Activities

All projects must deliver both CO2 and revenue benefits and, preferably be in line with the Salix objective of offering long term CO2 savings.

Technologies and project types:

The Salix model provides real focus for 'high carbon saving' projects. Salix's experience to date confirms that many technologies can fall within these parameters. Key examples are as follows:

- BMS - bureau remotely managed.
- Boilers - controls and replacement.
- Heating - controls, distribution improvements, electric to gas, pipework insulation.
- Hot water - point of use heaters.
- Insulation - building fabric such as cavity wall and loft.
- Motor controls - fixed and variable speed.
- Office equipment improvements.
- Radiator reflective foils.
- Swimming pool covers - liquid, manual and motorised.

Where clients express an interest for new technologies to be considered, Salix is happy to receive material and in some cases pilot projects so that the project can be evaluated and possibly incorporated into the fund.

Recent examples are:

- office equipment - network PC power management and Blade Server technology; and
- voltage reduction equipment.

Who Can Apply

Public sector organisations, including local authorities, central government and NHS Foundation Trusts throughout the UK are eligible to apply.

Exclusions

1. Domestic and transport projects are not covered by the scheme.
2. At present, Salix cannot work with non Foundation Trust Hospitals.

Criteria

1. Projects must deliver both CO2 and revenue benefits and, in line with the Salix objective, must offer long-term CO2 savings.
2. To ensure that the fund is used for projects that deliver long-term energy and CO2 savings, all compliant projects must be prioritised on the basis of their capital cost per tonne of CO2 saved on a lifetime basis (£/tCO2LT2).
3. Projects must comply with one of the following two criteria:
 - o Maximum five-year payback period and £100/tCO2 lifetime basis, for energy efficiency projects.
 - o Maximum seven to five-year payback period for projects with lifetime £/tCO2 =<£50, for approved energy efficiency and renewable projects.
4. Projects must be identified as being additional.

Additional or separate criteria may apply to specific programmes.

Application

Deadline(s):

- Recycling Fund - closed to applications.
- Salix Energy Efficiency Loans - Scotland Colleges: now open to applications.

Frequency: Ongoing programme.

Useful information:

Application packs are available from the Salix website.

Help and advice is available from a Client Relationship Manager to complete an application form, which is then subject to an independent, technical assessment to confirm the applicant's ability to deliver the projects and savings.

Subject to a successful assessment, applicants work with Salix to prioritise projects and set achievable spend targets for fund drawdown over the agreed funding period.

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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:**Scottish Power Energy People Trust****[Back]****Last updated: 12 October 2010****GRANT ID: UGK000****SCHEME DETAILS**

Type	Grant
Term	Unspecified
Scheme Outline	Support for voluntary organisations and groups throughout Great Britain for projects to help fuel poor or vulnerable groups of people. Grants are available for the following types of project: crisis funding, benefits health checks or income maximisation, energy efficiency measures, research, or any combination of these measures. Priority is given to projects aimed at helping families with young children and young people.
Funding/Support	Projects may be funded up to a maximum of three years; however, a £100,000 maximum funding limit applies
Match Funding	Match funding is not a stipulated requirement

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Not-for-profit such as children's charities, women's aid, local community groups, support organisations, local authorities and housing associations
Size	There is no restriction on the size of organisation
Location	Great Britain

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	The Trustees meet four times a year, at the beginning of March, June, September and December. The remaining 2010 deadline is as follows: 19 October 2010
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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:

Scottish Power Energy People Trust

Last updated: 12 October 2010

GRANT ID: UGK000

Reason for Last Update:

There have been no changes to the operation of this scheme.

Background

The ScottishPower Energy People Trust is an independent charity established to help end fuel poverty in the UK. The Trust is administered by, but makes decisions independently of, ScottishPower. The Trustees include representatives of organisations including Energy Action Scotland, National Energy Action and Glasgow University Urban Studies.

Fuel poverty occurs as a result of three distinct variables - the cost of fuel, the income of the household and the energy efficiency of the home. There are over two million households throughout the UK living in fuel poverty, and spending more than 10% of their income for basic energy needs and to keep warm.

Objectives of the Scheme

The ScottishPower Energy People Trust's objective is to help combat fuel poverty. Assistance is available for organisations to fund projects or schemes that will help fuel poor or vulnerable groups of people, with priority given to projects that are aimed at helping families with young children and young people.

Available Funding/Support

Projects may be funded up to a maximum of three years; however, a £100,000 maximum funding limit applies. Overheads/administrative costs should not exceed 15% of the overall funding requested, unless in exceptional circumstances, where a reason should be included.

Eligible Activities

Organisations can apply for funding to support projects or schemes covering the following:

- *Crisis funding* - for example, women and children needing emergency accommodation and vulnerable young people setting up their first home.
- *Benefits health checks or income maximisation* - for example, helping households that are not claiming all the benefits to which they are entitled; or are not eligible for current government grants or funding because they don't receive the appropriate benefit.
- *Energy efficiency measures* - for example, a scheme that aims to improve the energy efficiency of homes by draught-proofing, insulating and energy efficiency advice.
- *Research* - for example, to investigate the causes and effects of fuel poverty on health.
- Any combination of the above.

Who Can Apply

The Trust will accept applications from not-for-profit organisations and groups such as children's charities, local community groups, support organisations, local authorities and housing associations throughout Great Britain.

Exclusions

Applications are not accepted from individuals or profit-making organisations.

Funding will not be granted to cover payment of debt such as:

- fines;
- loans;
- outstanding bills for catalogues, credit cards, holidays etc.

Criteria

The following criteria apply:

- Projects must address fuel poverty explicitly and as its primary purpose (not just as an add-on).
- Projects must demonstrate additionality, ie how many more people will be helped as a direct result of this project.
- Only one application will be accepted per organisation, per Trustees' meeting.
- In the case of applications from local authorities, the project must demonstrate:
 - that it is not delivering against statutory duties;
 - partnership working with charitable/voluntary organisations as part of the project.

Application

Deadline(s):

The Trust's Board meets four times a year to consider applications, usually during the first week of March, June, September and December.

The remaining 2010 deadline is as follows: 19 October 2010.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Link to guidelines:

<http://www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp?page=s4>

Useful information:

The application form is available to complete online at the website. Completed applications should be submitted online prior to the screening deadline.

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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:**TSELF - The Social Enterprise Loan Fund**[\[Back\]](#)

Last updated: 18 January 2010

GRANT ID: UI5550

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Loan
Term	Unspecified
Scheme Outline	To lend to unbankable yet economically viable community enterprises in areas of England and Wales suffering financial and social exclusion.
Eligible Costs	Capital or revenue funding
Funding/Support	Loans up to £250,000
Match Funding	Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured
Other	TSELF favours organisations based in one of the 25% most deprived boroughs or wards in England and Wales

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Social enterprises with charitable purpose
Location	England and Wales

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	Applications may be made at any time
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CHARITABLE TRUSTS:

TSELF - The Social Enterprise Loan Fund

Last updated: 18 January 2010

GRANT ID: UI5550

Reason for Last Update:

Contact details have been updated in this report.

Background

Originally called the Local Investment Fund. The Fund was set up in 1995 by the then Department for Employment, Transport and the Regions, Business in the Community and the private sector, led by NatWest, with the aim of overcoming the funding gap often experienced by social enterprises. The various regional funds were called Community Loan Funds.

In April 2008 the Fund changed the name to The Social Enterprise Loan Fund (TSELF).

Objectives of the Scheme

TSELF aims to overcome the funding gap experienced by social enterprise. It provides loan finance to economically viable, community-based voluntary organisations, bridging the gap between grant dependency and mainstream banking finance.

As well as the national TSELF, ten Regional Community Loan Funds have been established. These have been formed in consultation with Regional Development Agencies, the Bank of England and the local Government Offices.

Available Funding/Support

TSELF offers loans through the following schemes:

Loans to Finance Property Purchase/Improvements

- Loans available up to £250,000.
- Repayments spread over up to ten years.
- Interest rate typically 2.5% to 5.0% + base rate.

Loans to Finance Fixed Assets

- Most loans for this purpose are for less than £100,000 but TSELF would consider a higher amount.
- Repayments spread over useful life of the asset - typically three to five years.
- Loans available up to 90% of the asset value.
- Interest rate typically 3.0% to 6.0% + base rate.

Loans for Working Capital

- Most loans for this purpose are for less than £50,000 but TSELF would consider a higher amount.
- Loans available for up to 90% of the working capital required.
- Repayable over fairly short term - usually three years or less.
- Interest rate typically 3.0% to 7.0% + base rate.

All loans are allocated according to funds available per region. The ten regional Funds are listed below:

- North East.
- North West.
- Yorkshire and Humber - *Loans currently unavailable.*
- East Midlands.
- West Midlands.
- Wales - *Loans currently unavailable.*
- East of England - *Loans currently unavailable.*
- London - *Loans currently unavailable.*
- South East.
- South West - *Loans currently unavailable.*

Match Funding

Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured.

Who Can Apply

Loans are available to social enterprises in England and Wales with a charitable purpose.

TSELF are especially interested in receiving applications from organisations active in the following areas:

- Prevention or relief of poverty.
- Advancement of education.
- Advancement of health or the saving of lives.
- Advancement of citizenship or community development.
- Advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science.
- Advancement of amateur sport.
- Advancement of environmental protection or improvement.
- Relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Exclusions

Loans cannot be made to projects in Scotland or Northern Ireland.

Criteria

Borrowing is subject to the following criteria:

Loans to Finance Property Purchase/Improvements

TSELF will normally ask for a mortgage over the property.

Loans to Finance Fixed Assets

TSELF will normally ask for some security over the assets concerned.

Loans for Working Capital

TSELF will often ask for security in the form of a debenture over the assets of the company.

Application

Deadline(s):

Applications may be made at any time.

Frequency: Rolling programme.

Link to guidelines: <http://www.lif.org.uk>

Useful information:

All applicants are required to contact the regional Fund to confirm funds are available in that area.

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DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD & RURAL AFFAIRS:**Warm Front (England)****[Back]**

Last updated: 06 January 2010

GRANT ID: UG4420

SCHEME DETAILS

Type	Grant, Information
Scheme Outline	Support for the installation of measures to provide energy efficiency improvements and advice to needy and older person's households in England.
Eligible Costs	Materials and labour
Funding/Support	Grant of up to £3,500 (up to £6,000 where oil, low carbon or renewable technologies are recommended)
Match Funding	Applicants will be required to pay the balance of costs, if the work is over the grant maximum
Other	Organisations that may be interested in this scheme and that may have contact with the intended recipients, include local authorities, those involved in social work and charitable/voluntary groups

WHO CAN APPLY

Type	Household in privately owned or privately rented accommodation in receipt of specified state benefits (see Detail)
Location	England

APPLICATION

Deadline(s)	At any time prior to work commencing
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DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD & RURAL AFFAIRS:

Warm Front (England)

Last updated: 06 January 2010

GRANT ID: UG4420

Reason for Last Update:

There have been no changes made to this scheme.

Background

The Warm Front Grant (previously the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme - HEES) was introduced in 2000 and revised in 2005. Eaga Partnership Ltd manages the scheme throughout England.

Objectives of the Scheme

The Warm Front scheme provides grants for energy efficiency improvements to the home, and energy advice, for people who need them most. To do this, Warm Front provides Government grants which can help cover the cost of making homes more energy efficient. It includes central heating for all clients and oil central heating for those not on the gas distribution network.

Available Funding/Support

Warm Front provides insulation and heating improvements up to the value of £3,500 (up to £6,000 where oil, low carbon or renewable technologies are recommended).

Warm Front Heating Rebate Scheme

All householders aged 60 or over, who are not in receipt of a qualifying Warm Front benefit, can apply for a £300 rebate towards repairing or replacing an inoperable system or installing a new central heating system. This rebate is only available to householders who either have no heating system or one which is inoperable.

Match Funding

In most cases, the Warm Front Grant will cover the cost of the improvements that have been recommended, but in some cases the applicant may need to pay a contribution towards the cost of the work.

Eligible Activities

The Warm Front Grant can provide the following improvements:

- Loft insulation.
- Draught-proofing.
- Cavity-wall insulation.
- Hot-water-tank insulation.
- Converting a solid-fuel open fire to a glass-fronted fire.
- Gas, electric or oil central heating.

Households that have previously received a Warm Front Grant can re-apply for further measures such as top-ups to loft insulation, heating repairs and boiler replacements.

Who Can Apply

Applicants must be private tenants or own their own house and comply with one of the following eligibility criteria:

1. Householders that are over 60 and in receipt of one or more of the following:
 - a. Income Support.
 - b. Housing Benefit.
 - c. Council Tax Benefit.
 - d. Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance.
 - e. Pension Credit.
 - f. Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
2. Householders who either have a child under 16 or are pregnant and have been given a maternity certificate MAT B1, and are also in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:
 - a. Income Support.
 - b. Housing Benefit.
 - c. Council Tax Benefit.
 - d. Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance.
 - e. Pension Credit.
 - f. Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

3. Householders in receipt of one or more of the following:
 - a. Working Tax Credit (with income less than £16,040, which must include a disability element).
 - b. Child Tax Credit (with income less than £16,040).
 - c. Income Support (which must include a disability premium).
 - d. Housing Benefit (which must include a disability premium).
 - e. Council Tax Benefit (which must include a disability premium).
 - f. Attendance Allowance.
 - g. Disability Living Allowance.
 - h. Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (which must include Constant Attendance Allowance or Mobility Supplement).
 - i. War Disablement Pension (which must include Mobility Supplement or Constant Attendance Allowance).

The following should be noted:

Householder, includes the applicant's spouse or partner, if they are living with the applicant.

Partner, means the spouse of the person with whom the applicant lives as husband or wife or civil partner.

Criteria

Applicants will not have to pay anything if the work costs less than the total grant available.

If the work costs more than the total grant available, the company doing the work may ask the applicant to pay the balance. This will be agreed with the applicant prior to work commencing. Applicants will not be required to pay any more money until the work is completed and they are satisfied with it. Applicants are not required to have work done that exceeds the grant available.

Application

Deadline(s):

Applications may be made at any time.

Frequency: Ongoing programme.

Useful information:

The Warm Front Management Board will consider applications to incorporate alternative technologies into the Scheme.

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Comment

October 2007:

The 2007 Pre-Budget Report and the [2007 Comprehensive Spending Review](#) (CSR) announced the following measures to provide energy efficiency improvements and advice to needy and older people's households:

- Enhanced energy efficiency through continuing the Warm Front programme (which has spent over £1.6 billion since 2000, assisting 1.4 million vulnerable households) and plans to expand the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT) obligations to energy suppliers.
- Subject to final decisions, the combination of Warm Front and the CERT Priority Group will enable spending on energy efficiency and other measures for low income households to rise in the CSR 2007 period, compared to the previous spending period.
- New investment of £7.5 million to improve the effectiveness of Warm Front and the Energy Efficiency Commitment. This will fund projects aimed at using an area-based approach to identify households and provide the right coordinated set of advice and measures to them.

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