

GRANTS

Newsletter

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Welcome

In these challenging times, where projects are stalling through lack of funds, it is essential to research and maximise all opportunities for securing additional investments.

At present there are a number of energy funding programmes available and following the recent April 2009 Budget, a further commitment has been made to the energy agenda. This edition focuses primarily on energy funding but the grants team do work across all sectors to identify and secure grants on behalf of applicants. For information about the availability of public funds for your project, contact a member of the grants team.

Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2 to be extended until 2011

Following the April 2009 Budget a further £35 million to has been awarded to LCBP Phase 2.

From 1st July, projects will be able to receive grants of up to £200,000, or a maximum of 50% of eligible costs. Any public sector or not for profit organisations are eligible to apply.

Although the new funding arrangements have less grant available per project, a wider range of products and installers are able to receive the funding.

Installers eligible to supply and install the products has now been expanded to include all those on the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS).

Please contact us should of you would like to apply to this funding programme. The programme is open between 1st July to 31st April 2011.

www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk

Solar Panels for Schools

As part of the Low Carbon Building Programme, funding has been designated to specifically fund solar panels for schools, colleges and universities. All schools are eligible providing they are not-for-profit.

Grants of up to 50% match funding can be obtained for a maximum grant of £10,000 (£20,000 project total). The current round ends 30th June, but it is anticipated that further rounds will be announced in due course.

Funding is available for solar power or photovoltaics. Schools can apply for a 4kWp photovoltaic system or multiples thereof, to fit roof size and budget. The programme is managed and equipment installed by Solar Century.

www.solar4schools.co.uk

Community Sustainability Energy Programme

Funded by Big Lottery Fund, Community Sustainability Energy Programme (CSEP) is providing £8 million to community based organisations for the installation of microgeneration technologies.

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

There are two types of grants available:

1. Project Development Grants are available for feasibility studies investigating the use of a combination of the below microgeneration technologies.

A maximum of £5,000 or 75% of the study costs (whichever is lower) is available.

2. Capital Grants are available for the purchase and installation of any eligible technologies.

Funding is available for up to £50,000 or 50% of the project cost (whichever is the lower).

The 6th Funding Round deadline is 7th August 2009. A further five funding rounds will continue quarterly up to the end of October 2010.

www.communitysustainable.org.uk

Call for low carbon technologies projects - Northwest Operational Programme

Funding is available to focus on installing low carbon technologies, resources efficient infrastructure, recycling services and renewable energy generation.

As part of the European Operational Programme for the Northwest: 2007-2013, the Northwest Development Agency has announced a call for Expressions of Interest. £4.4 million is available within the grant for the 'Improving Your Resource' efficiency scheme.

Under Action Area 1.3: Increasing Sustainable Production and Consumption, Strand 5 is looking to fund larger individual projects.

Between £20,000 and £175,000 is available to locations that are used by small and medium enterprises (SMEs), or those that demonstrate exemplar integration of low carbon technologies and processes.

Deadline for Expressions of Interest is 1st September 2009.

www.erdfnw.co.uk

E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund Round 2

The E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not-for-profit organisations who wish to consider and implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings.

Eligible projects that can be considered include:

1. Purchase and installation of one or more renewable energy technologies.
2. Renovation of existing facilities to incorporate micro-generation technology.
3. An energy-efficiency makeover for your building that could demonstrate significant energy savings and also behavioural change amongst users.
4. The use of new or innovative technology to deliver either energy savings or micro-generation capacity. To be eligible, organisations must benefit specific community groups namely: young people, elderly people and people in fuel poverty.

The closing date for applications for Round 2 is October 16th 2009.

www.eon-uk.com

Technology & Strategy Board: Grants for Energy Reduction Technologies

In Partnership with the Northern Way and the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC), the Environmental Transformation Fund has £15 million available for innovative applied research, development and demonstration of Carbon Abatement (reducing) Technologies.

Prioritising in addressing CO₂ emissions for large single point sources, such as fossil fuel power plant and other large process industries, funding is available to develop technologies that will offer significant improvements in:

1. Conversion processes and technologies that reduce fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions from process industries.
2. Fuel switching to lower carbon alternatives such as biomass or waste.
3. Carbon capture technologies, CO₂ transport, storage and use.

There are 2 levels of funding available:

1. Feasibility Studies: Up to £1 million specifically for SMEs for industry-led short term (6-12months) research projects.
2. Collaborative projects: Between £250,000 - £2.5 million for applied R&D and pilot demonstration projects.

Compulsory Expressions of Interest need to be submitted by 23rd July 2009. Invited full stage applications need to be submitted by 15th October 2009.

www.innovateuk.org

Funding for Scotland through the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)

On behalf of the Scottish Government, support is available to community organisations to help with the installation of a variety of renewable energy technologies.

Communities may apply for funding for technical assistance and capital grants for renewable energy equipment installation and associated costs:

4. Technical Assistance: Up to £10,000 is available to support non-capital projects, such as feasibility or scoping studies and capacity building within a community.
5. Capital grants: Up to £150,000 is available for contributing to the capital costs such as; installing renewable energy generation plant, supporting infrastructure, such as roads, and project management costs.

All not-for-profit organisations can apply.

Funding is available until May 2012.

www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk

Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme Funding for Scottish SMEs

The Scottish Government is funding biomass installations to increase small business competitiveness and cut carbon emissions within SMEs.

From a total of £3.3 million, SMEs can receive up to £100,000 of grant from the scheme to install biomass systems on their premises.

With 26 businesses having received a total of £31.6 million during the first

funding round, a further £1.7 million is still available for biomass equipment.

The fund is open to applications from all non land-based businesses unable to receive support from the Scottish Rural Development Plan.

Round 2 applications need to be submitted by 4th September.

www.scotland.gov.uk

DEFRA: Contaminated Land Capital Projects Programme

Financial support is offered to Local Authorities, County Councils and National Parks in England for contaminated land activity.

With a budget of £10 million, funding is available to cover the costs of contaminated land under two areas:

1. Intrusive site investigations: which explores the possibility of contaminated land.
2. Site remediation: which aims to remove the contamination from site.

Outline applications must be submitted to DEFRA by 24th July 2009. There are bi-annual further rounds in November and July.

Eligible projects must be able to spend funding by March 2010.

Contaminated land must fall under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Only applications relating to the current land use of any given site are eligible. Bids for redevelopment of a site will not be considered.

www.defra.gov.uk

Parks for People Programme announces new deadline (£250,000 to £5 million)

A grant of between £250,000 and £5 million can be applied for by owners and not-for-profit organisations of public parks, gardens, squares, walks and promenades in England. Funding is available for regeneration and restoration works.

70% of project costs are available through a two-stage process. Closing date for the applications is 31st August 2009.

www.hlf.org.uk