



## Salix Finance Ltd receives additional £20million for public sector loan scheme

Applications from public sector organisations for energy efficient projects  
sought before end of March 2012

Salix Finance, the independent not for profit company, today (07 December) announces that it has been awarded an additional £20million by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) for its successful public sector energy efficiency loans programme.

The loans, available for efficiency projects in England across the public sector – from schools and universities to local authorities and NHS Trusts – before the end of March 2012, will save organisations money on energy bills and reduce carbon emissions.

Salix loans are provided for energy efficient projects that pay for themselves within five years through lower energy bills. Repayments are made from the money saved on energy bills and, once the loans are repaid, the organisation continues to benefit from the low carbon equipment and the saving it delivers.

Salix supports over 120 types of energy efficiency technology. To date, it has funded over 7500 projects which have an average payback from the energy savings of 3.5 years and an average expected lifetime of 13 years.

The £20million funding is for allocation to projects by the end of March 2012, and will be paid by Salix to successfully completed schemes before the end of December 2012. The funding will be allocated on a first come first served basis and so projects submitted early will benefit.

Energy and Climate Change Minister Greg Barker said: “This extra money for universities, schools, local authorities, hospitals and other public organisations will help get even more energy saving schemes up and running across the country and will help the public sector to continue leading by example on energy efficiency.”

Alastair Keir, CEO of Salix Finance Ltd said: “We are really pleased to be awarded this new funding. It will enable us to continue to provide much needed assistance to the public sector, helping it reduce its carbon emissions and energy bills. Demand from the public sector for energy efficiency improvements is enormous. This interest free loan fund removes the barrier of having to find capital to pay for the energy efficiency measures at a time of tight budgets. We look forward to receiving applications from organisations across the public sector.”

Examples of successful projects, funded by Salix Finance's loan scheme (SEELS):

- Staffordshire University has carried out 17 projects - including insulation projects, network power management, low loss transformer including voltage management and lighting projects, valued at - £722,592 in total. The annual energy bill savings from these are £236,611 per year with expected lifetime savings of £3,928,288. These projects will save 1600 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.
- Durham County Council has implemented a number of street lighting projects to the value of £1.12m across the council area. These will realise lifetime savings of £6.8m and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 42,400 tonnes over their lifetime.
- The installation of a condensing flu gas economiser, which improves boiler heat recovery, at a cost of £300,000 will save King's College Hospital over £2million and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 18,000 tonnes over its lifetime. This technology pays back its costs within 18 months.

More information about the SEELS programme, and details on how to apply, can be found on the Salix Finance website: [www.salixfinance.co.uk](http://www.salixfinance.co.uk)

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Alastair Keir, CEO of Salix Finance, is available for interview. Please contact Colman Getty

Notes for Editors

1. Salix Finance Ltd (grant funded by DECC via the Carbon Trust) operates an interest-free loan scheme for public sector organisations. The aim of the scheme is to remove the upfront capital barrier to energy efficiency investment.
2. Loans are provided for energy efficiency projects with a payback period of less than 5 years and a lifetime cost of CO<sub>2</sub> of less than £100 per tonne. Repayments are met from energy bill savings and once the loans are repaid the organisation continues to benefit for the lifetime of the installed measures. The loans are repaid by direct debit over 4 years in 8 equal instalments, starting in March 2013.
3. The £20million is for allocation to projects before the end of March 2012, and needs to be paid out by Salix to successful schemes before the end of 2012. For more information, visit: [www.salixfinance.co.uk](http://www.salixfinance.co.uk)
4. Salix supports over 120 energy efficiency technologies. It has funded over 7500 projects which have an average payback from the energy savings of 3.5 years and an average expected lifetime of 13 years
5. Central Government Departments are not eligible for Salix energy efficiency loans.
6. Once repaid to Salix, the funding will be recycled into further loans for public sector energy efficiency projects, until such time that DECC wishes to recover the money.