

Scotland's Solar Energy Efficiency Loans Scheme (SSEELS)

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Introduction

Scotland's Solar Energy Efficiency Loans Scheme (SSEELS) has been launched in 2025/26 to support additional interest free loan funding for the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays. The scheme will operate through the existing Scotland Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme (SEELS). The additional £2m of funding for solar projects has been provided to the Scottish Government by Great British Energy.

This document provides the key information about Scotland's Solar Energy Efficiency Loans Scheme (SSEELS). We also recommend referring to the SEELS guidance [here](#).

This solar scheme is strictly limited to Solar PV and associated battery storage projects only. To ensure funding is allocated to viable projects that can deliver on the aims of the funding to increase renewable generation capacity within the timescales of the scheme we are looking for projects that can place orders by March 31st 2026 in order to complete by 30th September 2026. Please see below for full details on eligibility and timelines.

If you have any questions, please get in contact with the Scotland team at Scotland@SalixFinance.co.uk

About the scheme

Funding availability

Scotland's Solar Energy Efficiency Loans Scheme makes available £2 million to deliver solar PV installations in Scotland, in partnership with the Scottish Government and Great British Energy.

For successful applicants funding will be available to draw down in financial years 2025-26 and 2026-27. This is to allow the loan to cover costs related to the management, installation and commissioning of works.

Eligible technologies

This funding is limited to Solar PV technologies and associated battery storage technologies only.

Projects including solely battery storage are ineligible, as no energy savings are attributed to batteries alone. When including battery storage in an application, add these costs to the cost of the PV measures and indicate their addition in the 'description of work'.

For bespoke solar technologies, contact the Scotland team for advice and guidance on eligibility and the supporting evidence that may be required.

If you're looking to install multiple technologies, we would direct you to apply for

the Scottish Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme (SEELS), more information [here](#).

Modern Slavery Act 2015 compliance

It is the responsibility of the public sector body to ensure that any procurement activity undertaken in relation to the project, and/or the contracts in place, maintains compliance with Modern Slavery Act 2015. Salix and the Scottish Government reserve the right to request evidence to ensure compliance.

This can include modern slavery statements from the supplier(s); evidence of modern slavery provisions in tender documentation, assessment, or contract; or similar.

Expected timelines for delivery

This scheme is designed to support efficient and timely delivery of renewable generation capacity. To that end, projects will be assessed on their ability to achieve key deadlines. We are looking for projects that:

- Will have placed orders by 31st March 2026, and
- Will complete the works by 30th September 2026.

It is expected that the project programme submitted at the time of application will demonstrate how the project expects to reach these deadlines, and we welcome additional evidence to support this.

Eligible costs

The eligible costs for this scheme are the same as the SEELS, for more information please see the SEELS guidance and/or contact the Scotland team at Scotland@salixfinance.co.uk for more information.

Projects that generate revenue

In the case where applicants wish to oversize their PV installations to benefit from additional exporting revenue with the smart export guarantee, Salix can only provide finance for the proportion of the installation that tackles the site energy consumption, and the client must then finance the revenue-making proportion of the installation.

Application

Documentation

<u>Required documents:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project compliance tool• Business case
<u>Supporting documents:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy savings calculations• Cost evidence• Data sheets• Cost breakdown• Project programme• Project governance• Energy & Carbon monitoring plan• Performance management plan• Smart export guarantee (if applicable)

All applicants are required to submit a project compliance tool and business case – regardless of the amount of funding being requested. Therefore, please use the standard SEELS application form (i.e. the project compliance tool and business case) found on our [website](#).

For those wishing to install battery storage alongside solar PV, please include this within the description of works on the project compliance tool and group the costings of the PV and battery into one line.

Submit your applications, along with all supporting documents, via email to scotland@salixfinance.co.uk

Reporting

This funding will require quarterly monitoring reports. This is to track the progress of the project and identify risks/issues as they arise. The reporting template will be shared by Salix once the loan agreement has been signed.



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