

Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme

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Introduction

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has launched the £1bn Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme delivered by Salix.

Purpose

- The Grant Scheme will align with BEIS' mission and priorities: fighting coronavirus, backing business, unleashing innovation & tackling climate change
- Funding is for capital energy efficiency & low carbon heating projects and will deliver the following objectives:
 - Deliver stimulus to the energy efficiency and low carbon heat sectors, supporting jobs
 - Deliver significant carbon savings in the public sector



Eligible bodies

- Central government departments;
- Non-departmental public bodies;
- Emergency services;
- Institutions of further and higher education;
- Local authorities;
- Maintained schools within the state education system, including academies, Multi-Academy Trusts and free schools;
- Nursery schools maintained by a local authority;
- NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts.

Public Corporations are not eligible. Registered charities are also not eligible, unless they are also government-funded public bodies as defined by the Cabinet Office.



Project categories and criteria

	Category Definitions	Examples
Category 1	Technologies that directly contribute to the heat decarbonisation of a building by installation of a low carbon heating technology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heat pumps• Connection to low carbon heating
Category 2	Technologies that do not directly contribute to the heat decarbonisation of a building but reduce overall energy demand and so will support future heat decarbonisation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insulation• Glazing• Ventilation
Category 3	Technologies that do not reduce carbon emissions but enable future heat decarbonisation projects to take place – these technologies are exempt from the requirement to meet the £500/tCO2 lifetime criteria.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metering• Electrical infrastructure• Battery storage
Category 4	Technologies that are only permitted if: (a) they are used to replace coal-fuelled heating systems or oil-fuelled heating systems, AND (b) if, in Salix's reasonable opinion, it has been demonstrated that it is not viable for a low carbon heating system to be installed within the building as a replacement for the coal-fuelled heating or oil-fuelled heating system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gas-fired CHP• Gas boiler replacement



Project categories and criteria

- The public sector will receive the full carbon and financial benefits of the project.
- The cost to save a tonne of carbon (/tCO₂) over the lifetime of the project must be no more than £500.
- The Grant Scheme is primarily for capital works, however external consultancy and management fees may be included. Existing employee costs or any costs previously incurred may not be included.
- The project must meet Salix's additionality criteria.



How to apply



Full guidance notes to support you through the grant process can be found here: www.salixfinance.co.uk/PSDS



Project assessment and delivery

Projects will be scored on the 3 key areas:

- Technical case - feasibility, resilience, energy/carbon savings and monitoring plan
- Financial case - project costs, operating & maintenance costs and evidence of firm pricing.
- Project governance - project risks & mitigations, implementation/schedule, previous experience, procurement & deliverability within the grant funding time window.

Successful applicants will receive a Grant Offer Letter



Key Timelines

- The closing date for applications is dependent on the type of eligible organisation that you are.
- Public sector bodies which will require funding to be transferred between Government Departments at Supplementary Estimates must submit their applications no later than Monday 9 November 2020.
- For all other eligible organisations, the closing date for the submission of applications is Monday 11 January 2021.
- All other eligible bodies that wish to have their project assessed before the end of 2020, must submit their application by Friday 11 December 2020.



Key Timelines

- **Timetable for assessment of applications to be completed:**

Applications submitted by:	Applications assessed by:
Monday 12 October 2020	Friday 30 October 2020
Monday 26 October 2020	Friday 13 November 2020
Monday 9 November 2020	Friday 27 November 2020
Monday 23 November 2020	Friday 11 December 2020
Monday 11 January 2021	Friday 29 January 2021

- Salix will assess applications and award funding on a rolling basis. Salix expects to inform applicants and award funding to successful applicants within 3 weeks of their application being submitted. This will be dependent on all required information being submitted at the time of application.
- Projects should aim to be completed by 31 March 2021 if possible.
- Projects that cannot be completed by 31 March 2021 should be completed by 30 September 2021.
- Salix will prioritise assessing and approving funding for projects that have an early completion date. Project delivery must then align with this completion date to remain compliant.



Further information

Further information can be found across a variety of sources:

- [Salix grant website](#)
- [Salix application guidance notes](#)
- [Salix grant application form](#)
- [Salix grant application portal](#)

If you have further questions, please email Salix on: grants@salixfinance.co.uk



Public Sector Low Carbon Skills Fund



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Introduction

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has launched the Low Carbon Skills Fund delivered by Salix.

Purpose

- Help all eligible public sector bodies to engage specialist and expert advice to:
 - Identify and develop energy efficiency and low carbon heat upgrade projects
 - Prepare robust and effective funding application into the Grant Scheme
- Allocation will be based on need - eligible public sector bodies that do not have the capabilities and resources required will be prioritised
- Opportunity to apply for funding for activities to support delivery of your project and to either put in place or improve your existing Heat Decarbonisation Plan - will be launched next week



How to apply

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- Applications for project development support funding must be made through this [link](https://www.salixfinance.co.uk/public_sector_low_carbon_skills_fund) to www.salixfinance.co.uk/public_sector_low_carbon_skills_fund
- Salix staff are available to help you throughout the application process, including providing advice on how to strengthen your application or to explore alternative options if the project you have developed cannot meet the Grant Scheme criteria
- You can indicate in the application form if you will need additional funding for activities to support delivery of your project or develop a Heat Decarbonisation Plan. Salix will work with you to develop an application to access further LCSF support



Application dates

Wider Public Sector Bodies

Funding application	Open for applications	Deadline for applications
Project Development Support	Wednesday 30 th September 2020	23:59 Friday 4 th December 2020
Project Delivery Support	Open for applications w/c 12 th October 2020	23:59 Monday 11 th January 2021
Heat Decarbonisation Plan Support		

Central Government*

Funding application	Open for applications	Deadline for applications
Project Development Support	Wednesday 30 th September 2020	23:59 Friday 30 th October 2020
Project Delivery Support	Open for applications w/c 12 th October 2020	23:59 Wednesday 18 th November 2020
Heat Decarbonisation Plan Support		

*Organisations that require funding to be transferred between government departments at Supplementary Estimates



Assessment process and further information

Assessment process

- Submitted applications will be reviewed by the Salix Assessment Team on a weekly basis from October 7th
- Salix intends to inform applicants within 5 working days of these review dates

Further information

- Further information can be found at this [link](#)
- If you have a specific query, please email: PSLCSF@salixfinance.co.uk



Questions?



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Thanks for Listening

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