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BERR Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2



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Low Carbon Buildings Programme (LCBP) Phase 2

Key objectives:

- Achieve reductions in the cost of microgeneration technologies.
- See microgeneration technologies demonstrated on a wider scale.
- Achieve greater visibility of these technologies, leading to an improved understanding by the general public as a result of their installation in a wide range of buildings.



Who can apply?

- LCBP2 grants are open to public sector and not-for-profit organisations*. Check the Scheme Conditions on the website to confirm your eligibility.
- LCBP2 covers all UK regions (excluding Isle of Man and Channel Islands).

*Provided that the applicant is not an undertaking within the meaning of the rules on State Aid laid down under the EC treaty. Visit the LCBP2 website for further information.

Funding available: Phase 2

- Organisations can apply for up to £1.0 million per site.
- A site may include more than one property.
- A maximum of three eligible technologies can be grant-aided at each property unless pre-agreed by BRE and BERR
- Multiple applications from one organisation for different sites may be acceptable.

What can the grant be used for?

- The grant must be used to fund the supply and installation of a renewable energy scheme at a permanent building located in the United Kingdom.
- In general, only costs directly related to the installed equipment and work are eligible. A list of eligible costs is set out in the Terms and Conditions on the LCBP2 website.
- Projects where installation of microgeneration measures has already started are not eligible for funding.



What technologies can be funded?



Solar photovoltaic (PV)



Solar thermal hot water



Wind turbines



Heat pumps



Pellet stoves



Wood-fuelled boilers

Grant levels:

- Solar photovoltaic 50%
 - Solar thermal hot water 50%
 - Wind turbines 50%
 - Ground source heat pumps 50%
 - Automated wood pellet stoves 50%
 - Wood fuelled boilers 50%
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- Size limits: Electricity 50kW; Heat 45kW
 - Benchmarks in terms of £/tCO₂ also apply and may act as a cap on grant



How does the application process work?

- Applicants are encouraged to apply online to increase speed of processing, however postal applications are also accepted (but no photocopies).
- A confirmation receipt will be sent within 2 working days of BRE receiving the application.
- The application will be assessed and a decision made within 5-7 working days. The applicant will be contacted immediately with the outcome*.

*Grant applications over £100,000 require more detailed assessments and a decision will be made within 20 working days.

What other supporting documents need to be supplied with the application?

Electronic copies of:

- quotations from all installers;
- proof of not-for-profit status/type/legal entity.

Important: Paper copies alone will not be acceptable and will render the application invalid. On-line applicants will be able to upload documents with their application. Postal applicants must supply documents on CD-ROM or floppy disk.

How long will the grant offer be valid for?

- The grant offer letter will specify a deadline, usually within 12 months from the date of the letter. The installation of the technology must have been completed by this time.
- For at least 5 years following payment of the grant, the technology must:
 - remain installed and in use at the property;
 - not be modified or relocated in such a way as may adversely affect its performance.

The applicant will be responsible for assuring this condition is met.

When is the LCBP2 grant paid?

- Applicants are able to make an interim claim of up to 50% of the total grant for on-going work and/or capital costs. Original paid supplier and/or installer invoices must be provided.
- Applicants are entitled to claim the total grant, or the remainder following an interim claim, when the installation of all technologies for which the grant offer was made (whether at the same property or various different properties) has been completed and all relevant invoices have been received.

Am I able to match fund from any other programmes?

- Applicants are not entitled to apply for or receive a grant if they have received (or expect to receive) any other funding from the national government or devolved administrations in relation to the proposed technology and/or its installation at the property.
- This includes any funding under Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 1, Bioenergy Capital Grants Scheme; Scottish Community and Household Renewables Initiative; or Scottish Biomass Support Scheme.
- Applicants may receive funding from other public sources (including BIG Lottery and local government). Funding is available from LCBP2 for new technologies, even if other technologies have previously been grant-aided at the same property e.g. through Clear Skies or Major PV Demonstration Programme.

Who installs the systems?

- The applicant will be required to source their microgeneration installations through BERR appointed 'Framework Suppliers'. A detailed list of suppliers can be found on the LCBP2 website.
- Framework Suppliers were selected by BERR following a competitive tender process to ensure quality, range and value for money.
- Contact the Framework Suppliers directly to obtain quotes.



Can I apply for a Phase 2 grant for an installation which is larger than the stated maximum heat/power output for any of the technologies?

- The limits to the size of the installation are in line with the definitions of microgeneration stated in Section 82 of the Energy Act 2004, namely:

(a) in relation to the generation of electricity, 50 kilowatts

(b) in relation to the production of heat, 45 kilowatts thermal.



At present, we will only accept applications meeting the stated limits, although a contribution to the first 50 or 45 kW may be considered where multiple LCBP2 products are combined within one installation.

If I wish to apply for a grant under Phase 2, does the building need to meet Part L of the Building Regulations?

- Buildings need to meet the building regulations applicable at the time of construction or major refurbishment.
- There are no additional energy efficiency criteria within the application process of Phase 2, but prospective applicants must ensure they have also taken energy efficiency measures as this will enable a more effective microgeneration installation.
- Visit www.planningportal.gov.uk for further information.

What to look out for when applying for grants - summary

- Check for eligibility
- Ensure building is energy efficient
- Carry out options appraisal
- Select technology / technologies
- Get quotes - select Framework Supplier
- Identify match funding
- Make sure project management team is in place
- Check timescales
- Submit final claim



.....all of the above takes time!!!

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Welcome to Phase 2 of the BERR's Low Carbon Buildings Programme (LCBP).


Grants for the installation of microgeneration technologies are available to public sector buildings (including schools, hospitals, housing associations and local authorities) and charitable bodies.

Applications are being accepted now.

Private householders and businesses should refer to [Phase 1](#) for information on grants available to them.

Public sector and charitable bodies are also eligible for grants under Phase 1 - see www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk for details of the different criteria.

Details of all aspects of the Phase 2 grant application process, suppliers, installers and technologies are available on this website. Also see [Operational Status](#) for application statistics or [Promotional Tools](#) for a powerpoint presentation on LCBP Phase 2 that you can view, or download to share with others.



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