



Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2

Your Questions Answered

Which organisations qualify under the LCBP2 grant scheme?

The LCBP2 programme is designed to assist in the uptake of microgeneration technologies by organisations in the UK public and not-for-profit sectors including:

- Local authorities
- Housing associations
- Public service organisations
- Schools, colleges and universities
- Hospitals
- Registered charities

Who supplies and installs the systems?

Applicants can only source their microgeneration installations through 'Framework Suppliers' who were selected by the Government following a competitive tender process to ensure quality, range and value for money. As an appointed Framework Supplier for solar energy technologies, SML will supply and install their systems through their approved Installer Partners, all of whom meet the Government's accreditation requirements under the LCBP Framework Agreement.

What level of funding is available?

Grants are available up to a maximum of £1.0 million per site (N.B. a site may include more than one property). Multiple applications from one organisation for different sites will also be accepted. The grant levels for solar

water heating and PV are 30% and 50% respectively of the total purchase and installation costs.

Technology	Funding Available	% Grant Available
Solar Water Heating	£7.5M	30%
Solar PV	£17.5M	50%

How does the application process work?

LCBP2 is managed by the BRE, who have been appointed by the Government to manage all aspects of the application process. Applicants are able to apply either online or by post. Online applications are preferred, as they reduce administration costs and can be processed more efficiently. Applications are assessed by the BRE who then contact the applicant with the decision within 5-7 working days. Grant applications over £100,000 may require more detailed assessments and therefore may take longer to process.

Are there any other eligibility criteria for receiving a grant?

The BRE will assess applications against criteria set out in the application form. The main criteria relate to the type of organisation, use of framework suppliers and meeting the £/tonne CO₂ benchmark figures.



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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 UK. In general only costs directly related to the installed equipment and work are eligible. For solar water heating systems this can be considered to include:

- Costs of equipment (including solar panels, pipe work, hot water cylinders and controls).
- Costs of installation of the solar water heating system.
- Costs of connecting the solar water heating system to the hot water system of the property.
- Costs of any scaffolding or access equipment used for the installation of the solar system.

VAT is excluded from the grant.

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

Electronic copies of quotations from installers as well as proof of not-for-profit status must be either attached to the online application or enclosed on CD-Rom/floppy disk for paper applications.

How many technologies can be applied for?

A maximum of three eligible technologies for each proposed building can be applied for.

Is it possible to obtain match funding from any other programmes?

Applicants are not entitled to apply for or receive other funding from UK Government or any devolved administrations in relation to the proposed technology and its installation. However, applicants may receive funding from other public sources (including BIG Lottery and local government).

When is the grant paid?

Applicants are able to make an interim claim of up to 50% of the total grant for ongoing work and/or capital costs based on providing original paid supplier and/or installer invoices. Applicants are entitled to claim the total grant, or the remainder following an interim claim, when the installation (whether at the same property or various different properties) has been completed.

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, by which time the installation of the technology should be completed.

How long will the grants be available for?

The LCBP2 grant scheme is due to run until 2010.