



Helping reduce Dorset's footprint

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Community Sector





Project Overview

Low Carbon Dorset is a five year programme of activities to help stimulate growth in Dorset's low carbon economy. We offer **FREE** technical support and grant funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Low Carbon Dorset aims to help develop and implement renewable energy projects at a community scale. The programme is run by Dorset Council and the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

“Supporting community led projects to use renewable energy technologies to reduce their carbon emissions.”

Our Aims...

- **ACCELERATE** the deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and approaches to reduce carbon emissions
- **STIMULATE AND DEMONSTRATE** innovation
- **SUPPORT** different types of low carbon projects and approaches within the Community, Public and Business Sectors
- **ENCOURAGE** biomass technologies as a key renewable energy technology for Dorset with wider benefits and potential for economic growth





What We Offer

Low Carbon Dorset is offering the following to charity and community organisations based in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole:

FREE DIAGNOSTICS & TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Two days on site to explore your low carbon project ideas and opportunities. Followed by on-going support to get your project off the ground.

LOW CARBON GRANTS

To support the implementation of your project.

FREE WORKSHOPS

Designed specifically to meet the needs of community sector organisations

Through this support we can help your charity or community organisation **CUT DOWN ON CARBON** and **SAVE ON COSTS**.



More on Grants...

Our community grant budget is in the region of £500,000. For individual projects, you can receive a grant for up to 40% of the total eligible project costs.

Typically, grants will be available:

- Up to £50,000 per community



Who We Support

To receive support from Low Carbon Dorset, your organisation must be located within Dorset (including Bournemouth and Poole) and must be:

A legally constituted **VOLUNTARY** or **COMMUNITY ORGANISATION** located within the County of Dorset (including Bournemouth and Poole)



OR

A **REGISTERED CHARITY** located within the County of Dorset (including Bournemouth and Poole)



If you are unsure of your organisation's eligibility please contact the Low Carbon Dorset team to discuss:

- By email: lowcarbondorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
- By phone: 01305 224261
- By post: Low Carbon Dorset Project Team, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ





Types of Project

Is your community or charity on the frontline of the green energy revolution? Low Carbon Dorset can support community led projects looking to use renewable energy technologies to reduce their carbon emissions. Community involvement is a key factor, and we want to see your innovation and ideas.

What types of projects can we support?



RENEWABLE ENERGY INSTALLATIONS (UP TO 5MW)

E.g. Biomass boilers, Renewable Heat (ground, air and water source heat pumps), On-shore wind, Marine energy, Solar PV, Small Scale Hydro.

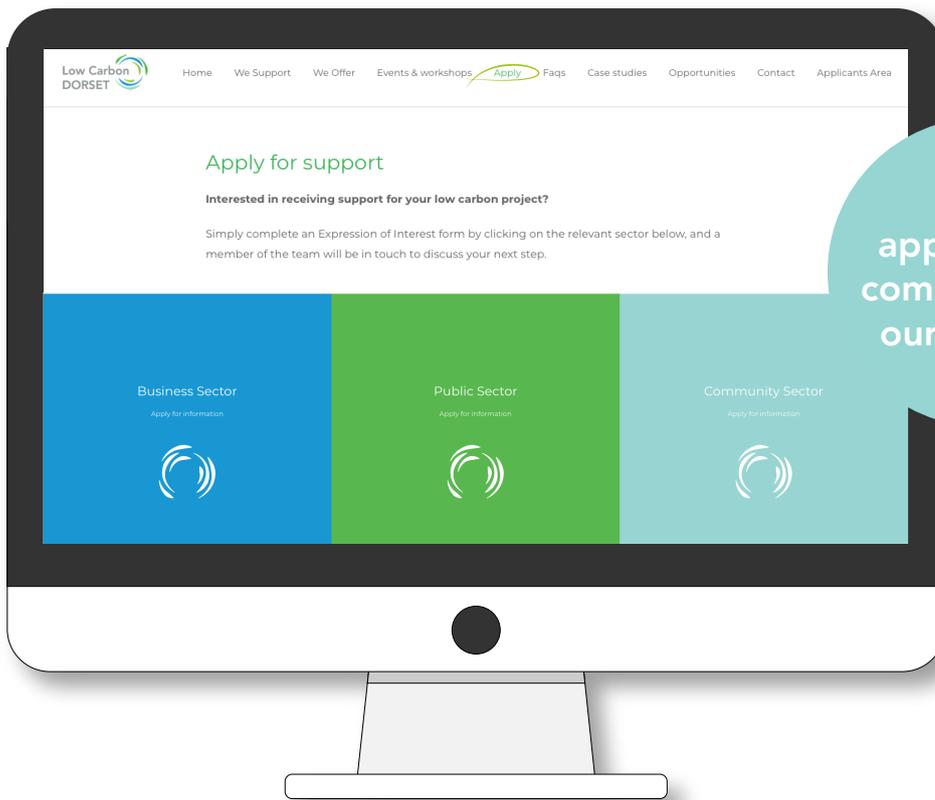
SMART ENERGY SYSTEMS

E.g. Systems or models that use smart metering / demand management, or energy distribution and sharing.



How to Apply

Access support from Low Carbon Dorset by applying through www.lowcarbondorset.org.uk



The Application Journey

