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Project Overview

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

Funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Low Carbon Dorset aims to support the development and implementation of innovative low carbon projects in Dorset's public buildings and social housing. The programme is run by Dorset County Council (DCC) and the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

"Reducing carbon emissions in Dorset's public buildings and social housing"



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 support to public sector 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 public sector organisations

Through this support public sector organisations can deliver a leadership and demonstration role in Dorset's low carbon economy.

More on Grants...

The Public Sector Grant budget is in the region of £900,000. 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 £225,000 for low carbon projects



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 Public Sector organisation such as - Local Authority, higher education establishment*, housing association or other publicly funded organisation.

**We are unable to support non-government owned primary and secondary education establishments*



Organisations must be located and operate within the County of Dorset (including Bournemouth and Poole).



An organisation will be considered 'public' where it directly or indirectly receives over 50% of its main funding from central or local government (not including payment for work carried out by private enterprise for the public sector).



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

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

Types of Project

Reducing energy use in public buildings and social housing through the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. Low Carbon Dorset is offering grants and free support to public sector organisations to help overcome the financial risks associated with novel and complex low carbon projects.

Is your low carbon project innovative?

Only projects which demonstrate an 'innovative approach' are eligible for support. This could be through the use of new innovative technologies or techniques which are not common place for Dorset, or represent a significant change in your organisation's way of doing things.

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.

STANDARD ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES

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

USE OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND APPROACHES

To reduce energy consumption in public buildings or social housing

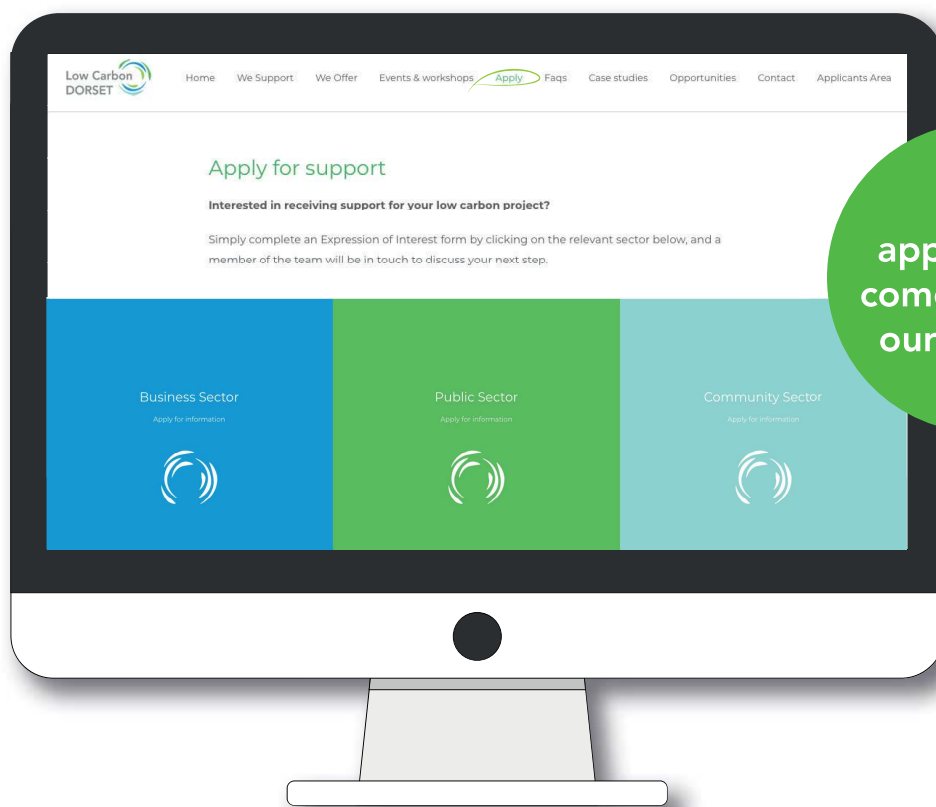
DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PRODUCTS OR PROCESSES WHICH HELP REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS

E.g. proving concepts, research, marketing



How to Apply

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



All applications come through our website

The Application Journey

