

ENERGY EFFICIENT SCOTLAND: Transition Programme

Decarbonisation Fund for Social Housing
Call for Expressions of Interest



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INTRODUCTION

1. The Scottish Government launched the Route Map for Energy Efficient Scotland in May 2018. Energy Efficient Scotland will be a co-ordinated programme to improve the energy efficiency of homes and buildings in the commercial, public and industrial sectors.
2. Our focus to date has been on trialling different approaches, building on the schemes we already deliver, through two phases of Energy Efficient Scotland Pilots. From the launch of the Route Map we are entering into the transition phase – supported by a two year Transition Programme.
3. In this Call, we are inviting Social Landlords to submit Expressions of Interest to deliver energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation programmes within their existing stock.
4. This guidance document sets out the principles and processes for:
 - Decarbonisation Fund for Social Housing – Call for Expressions of Interest.

Timeline

8 June 2018	Deadline for submission of all expressions of interest
22 June 2018	Scottish Government issues call for applications to Fund
20 July	Deadline for applications to Fund
31 August 2018	Scottish Government – offers of grant for Decarbonisation Fund for Social Housing Fund

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Introduction

1. As part of our wider aims for Energy Efficient Scotland and the removal of poor energy efficiency as a driver of fuel poverty, and our ambitions for emissions reductions, £3.5m capital funding is being made available to social landlords for decarbonisation activity. This will assist social landlords in complying not only with EESSH 2020, but also maximising compliance with potential EESSH2 standards post 2020.

Proposals

2. With a proposed focus in the early years of EESSH2 on improving off-gas grid properties (predominantly, though not exclusively, rural), the funding will be for energy efficiency measures (e.g. internal works, insulation) within projects that include decarbonisation activity (e.g. ground source heat pumps, air source heat pumps, biomass, solar PV and storage etc) and the conversion of properties from e.g. oil to these technologies
3. Social landlords should consider blending the funding to join up their own proposals and investments for energy efficiency with decarbonisation activity. It should be borne in mind that grant funding cannot be used to install heat technologies that are eligible for the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) or the Feed-In Tariff (FiT). Scottish Government funding should be used to support energy efficiency measures as well as work to support deployment and use of renewable technologies.
4. The majority of the funding should be front-loaded, requiring substantial spend in the current financial year 2018/19.
5. Although funding will be allocated to the established technologies identified above, proposals for any innovative activity or technologies will also be considered favourably. This includes measures that are not fully recognised by SAP methodology, provided there is effective monitoring and evaluation, tenant engagement, and landlords are satisfied that the innovation provides tangible benefits for energy efficiency and there is robust evidence to support installation in line with existing EESSH guidance

Evaluation

6. An evaluation and monitoring plan will be requested for submission with any final application to the Fund.

Broad principles for choosing areas of activity

7. Applicants should demonstrate what existing strategies within the area covered, including any work done previously, have been considered to identify either geographical target areas or for a sectoral approach. They should also consider any work underway in the local authority on Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (LHEES) and we would encourage social landlords to engage with the local authority in identifying priority areas.

Deliverability

8. Proposals can span FY 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. However the majority of the funding should be front-loaded, requiring substantial spend in the current financial year 2018/19

Monitoring

9. Any successful project will need to develop a monitoring process including pre and post EPCs, fuel savings, and a social survey of households. This is not exhaustive and should be further developed by the applicant.

Next Step

10. Landlords to complete an Expression of Interest Form – see separate document