

Renewable Energy

Funding Schemes for schools & colleges

There is currently up to **100% funding available for schools and colleges** to install green technologies such as wind turbines and solar panels. 50% is available from the Government's Low Carbon Buildings Programme and 50% from the Community Sustainable Energy Fund in England which is part of the Big Lottery Fund.

Low Carbon Buildings Programme

Details required to apply (wind turbines)

1. Address of proposed site of wind turbine. Is there a suitable playing field that is away from buildings, obstructions and trees? Average wind speed can be checked online at <http://www.bwea.com/noabl/> and speeds above 4.5m/s will be suitable.
2. Distance of proposed site from the electrical grid connection (usually the same place as the electricity meter).
3. Main contact details and position.
4. Proof of School Status. Acceptable documents include: "Constitution, Set of Rules, Trust Deed, Memorandum or Articles of Association". This document must be scanned for uploading online.

Details required to apply (solar thermal)

1. Is there a suitable south-facing, east-west or flat rooftop near to the hot water cylinder? Either a flat or sloped roof will be suitable and if the panels face south that will be most efficient.
2. What is the estimated size of the hot water cylinder? Is oil or gas currently being used to heat the hot water? Is it mains pressure or vented?
3. Distance of proposed rooftop from the hot water cylinder.
4. Main contact details and position.
5. Proof of School/College Status. Acceptable documents include "Constitution, Set of Rules, Trust Deed, Memorandum, Articles of Association". This document must be scanned for uploading online.

These details must be submitted by the deadline of 30 June 2009 to ensure funding. Construction can take an extra year.

More information and application forms:
<http://www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk/>

Community Sustainable Energy Fund

Details required to apply

The Community Sustainable Energy Fund comes from the Big Lottery Fund and is ongoing so submission of details is not required so quickly. It is only applicable in England.

The following documents must be supplied:

1. Equal Opportunities Policy Document
2. Environmental Policy Document (N.B. If the school has no separate policy and the policy is the same as the local authority, a letter from the Head must be supplied to confirm this.)
3. VAT Status/Charity Number
4. 3 consecutive pages of the school/college bank account
5. Approx current annual fuel bills
6. Site drawing (uploaded)

More information and online application:
<http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk>

More information

For more information and assistance, visit the websites of the two funds:

<http://www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk>
<http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk>

or contact Helena (on 07828 250 473 or helenawright@cantab.net) who can answer your questions and help with the application process.