

Low Carbon Skills Fund (LCSF) - Q&A

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**ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE
PUBLIC SECTOR LOW CARBON
SKILLS FUND (LCSF)**

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What is the LCSF and what benefits does it offer



- **The Low Carbon Skills Fund**
- **£16 million of funding** has been made available through The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) for projects in England.
- Aimed at public sector organisations to **access skills and expertise** for planning **heat decarbonisation in public buildings**.
- The focus is to **provide funding to develop plans** for the decarbonisation of heat, **helping public bodies prepare for Net Zero** capital projects.

Who is Eligible and How to Apply



Eligible organisations:



- NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts
- Local authorities or Government bodies (can apply on behalf of schools)
- Central Government departments (inc. Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Justice etc.)
- Emergency Services
- Higher Education
- Schools within state system
- Nurseries maintained by Local Authorities

Ineligible organisations:



- Public corporations
- Private sector organisations
- Registered charities (unless non-departmental public bodies)
- Social housing

Application process:

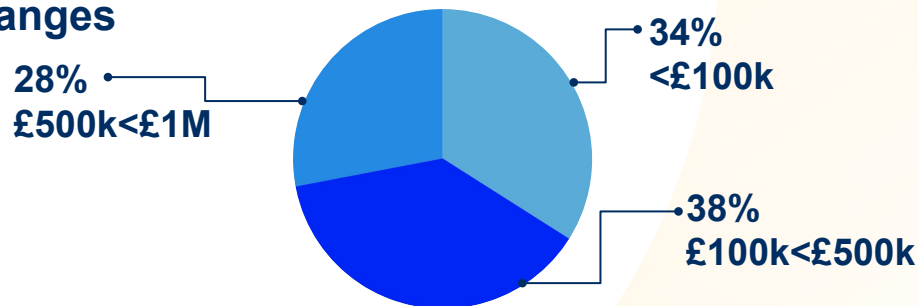
- Fill out Phase 5 Application Form
- Application window: April 17, 2024 2pm to May 1, 2024 2pm
- Randomised order of assessment
- Salix will check applications against scheme scoring framework



What is different about Phase 5

- **Randomised** allocation before a rigorous assessment process

- **Grant Value Ranges**



- **New application form**
- **End of life heating system** requirement for project specific activities
- **Tenancy arrangements** to benefit from a heat decarbonisation plan
- **One application** per organisation

Updated Eligible Activities



1. Strategy Stage

Development of a heat decarbonisation strategy
Desktop assessment and/or building audit



2. Feasibility Stage

Building audit
Specialist site surveys
Feasibility studies



3. Design Stage

Investment grade audits
Detailed design
Specialist Site Surveys

Strategy Planning

Project Specific Planning

Recommended activity combinations

Strategy Stage Only
Strategy and Feasibility Stage
Feasibility Stage Only
Feasibility and Design Stage
Design Stage Only

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1. Development of a heat decarbonisation strategy
 - Desktop assessment
 - Building audit

Buildings with heating systems of any age



2. Feasibility study
 - Specialist site survey
3. Detailed design
 - Investment grade audits

Serviced by at least one end-of life heating system

Using LCSF as proof of concept for future grant applications



- **Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme or Green Heat Network Fund**
- **LCSF eligible activities** allows a Public Body to produce the documentation required to apply for **further funding**.
- Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has **allocated funds of £1.17bn** over the next 4 years for the PSDS Phase 4 scheme.
- PSDS is structured to **deliver capital projects** identified by the Heat Decarbonisation Plans.

Eastbourne Hospital - PSDS

- Serves over **470,000** patients annually.
- Required an energy supply that **meets modern patient care standards**.
- The hospital aims to achieve ambitious **carbon reduction benchmarks set for 2032** by the NHS.



KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

- ↓ **4,000 tonnes**
CARBON REDUCTION
- ↑ **1.1MWP**
SOLAR ARRAY
- ↑ **3.2MWth**
HEAT PUMP
- ↑ **6,391m²**
INSULATED
CLADDING
- ↑ **13,850m²**
INSULATED
ROOFING
- ↑ **1,719m²**
DOUBLE GLAZING

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