



## Energy, Clean Transport and Sustainability Project Funding for businesses and community groups

### Islington Council

#### Energising Small Business

Offering **grants of up to £1,500** for works that will improve the energy efficiency of your organisation or eliminate its carbon emissions, such as installing new LED lighting or replacing gas boilers with electric alternatives. Now, extended to **also offer up to £5,000 for the replacement of a gas boiler with a heat pump.**

#### Community Energy Fund

The fund aims to support community led, innovative energy projects that benefit Islington residents (particularly residents struggling with fuel poverty) and reduce carbon emissions in the borough.

There are two tiers of funding available:

TIER 1: Grant applications less than £30,000

TIER 2: Grant applications over £30,000. Requires Board approval

**The next Round of funding to be announced in Spring 2021**

### Zero Emissions Network Grants

**Current options:**

#### **Free cargo bike trial**

The ZEN can offer free one-week free cargo bike trials for residents and businesses, to give you an idea of whether this would be compatible with your daily routine. Email [zen@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:zen@hackney.gov.uk)

If you want to buy a cargo bike for your business, you may be eligible for a grant of up to £2,000 through our Sustainable Travel Grants Scheme. ZEN members also benefit from a 5% discount on new cargo bike purchases from their Zencard partners.

### **E-bike Switch**

Riders can apply for a £200 grant to help purchase or lease an e-bike from a provider of their choice or;

- Hire an e-bike from ETT Industries for £100 for the first four weeks, (saving £200), through the ZEN network. There is also a £250 deposit to pay when renting a bike.
- Buy a Gazelle Vento for £1899 and receive £200 cashback from Velorution and £200 cashback from Zero Emissions Network. Spread the payment with 6 months or 12 months personal finance, interest free with £150 deposit, subject to credit status. This includes lights rack and Bosch mid-mounted motor with Purion side display and a 300 watt battery.
- Buy, or lease the "Urban Delivery Model 1" e-bike from only £15 per week with extra long range 930Wh battery and receive £100 cash back from Urban eBikes + 2 free services + £200 cash back from ZEN. Leasing options available from 12 months to 36 months. The Urban delivery model 1 is specifically designed for heavy duty use and comes with lights, rack, suspension and disc brakes all included.
- Get 5% off any e-bike and a free lock from VOLT

Delivery riders and small businesses currently using mopeds can apply for the £200 subsidy.

More information [here](#)

### **Eco-vehicle trials & offers**

ZEN also have a range of trials and offers on e-vans, cars and scooters, info [here](#)

## **Greater London Authority**

### **[London Community Energy Fund](#)**

The London Community Energy Fund is part of the Mayor's Energy for Londoners programme and provides support to get community energy projects up and running and delivered.

Applications for the fourth round of the London Community Energy fund are now open. The aim of this round is to get community energy projects up and running and deployed faster to reboot the economy and benefit hard-hit communities. So in addition to supporting project development work the fund will, for the first time, provide capital grants.

The prospectus and application forms can be downloaded [here](#).

**Applications for the fourth round of the London Community Energy fund are now closed. The next round of funding to be announced in the coming months.**

If you have any questions about applying, please contact [LCEF@london.gov.uk](mailto:LCEF@london.gov.uk)

### **Better Futures**

Better Futures, a GLA led, fully funded growth support for London start-ups and small businesses developing sustainable products, low-carbon and clean technology, is continuing remotely and without disruption.

They are working with partners to give over 150 small businesses the boost they need to be successful in London, and create a hub for low-carbon and circular industries in our city. They assess new companies for the programme every 6 weeks. Depending on the volume of companies in the pipeline at any given time, those accepted on the programme would look to begin support within 3-6 months from acceptance

### **The Mayor of London's Energy Efficiency Fund (MEEF)**

This is a £500m investment fund established by the GLA with funding from the European Commission, which will help achieve London's ambition of being a zero carbon city by 2050.

MEEF seeks to address market failures in London's low carbon sector by providing flexible and competitive finance to enable, accelerate or enhance viable low carbon projects across London.

MEEF can invest in projects in the following sectors -

A minimum of 70% of investments must be to the public sector:

Local Authorities, Education (Higher Education & Further Education), Registered Providers, Health, Not for Profits

Up to 30% of investments can be in the private sector:

MEEF can fund up to 100% of the capital cost of a £1m+ project but could also part fund large scale regeneration projects which will have low carbon credentials including:

Energy Efficiency, Decentralised Energy, Small Scale Renewables, Energy Storage, Regeneration Projects, Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

### **The London SME Fund**

The SME Fund is a £28 million venture capital fund for SMEs and provides equity finance for early stage London-based businesses that can generate significant levels of economic growth.

## [Cleaner Heat Cashback](#) **Fund now on hold**

If you're a small business in London and have an older, inefficient heating system you may be eligible for **30 to 40 per cent cashback** when you replace it with a new, cleaner system.

Cleaner Heat Cashback is Mayor Sadiq Khan's scheme to help London's SMEs save money on their energy bills and improve the capital's air quality.

## **Transport for London**

### **For businesses**

#### [ULEZ car and motorcycle scrappage scheme](#)

Low income and disabled Londoners can apply for the car and motorcycle scrappage scheme to help scrap older, more polluting cars and motorcycles in favour of cleaner vehicles and greener forms of transport.

#### [Van/minibus scrappage fund](#) – **currently on hold**

Micro businesses, sole traders and charities that need help to replace vehicles that don't meet the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) standards can apply to the scrappage scheme for vans and minibuses.

#### [Reducing and retiming deliveries toolkits](#)

TfL has been working with businesses, fleet operators and local authorities to find effective, cost-efficient ways to receive and make deliveries and service trips

### **For community groups:**

#### [NWLA Waste Prevention Community Fund](#)

North London Waste Authority has established a Waste Prevention Community Fund to support waste prevention initiatives in the north London area. The aim of the Fund is to provide community based (non-profit making) organisations with access to funding in order to develop new approaches to tackling waste prevention, and also to extend the reach and impact of waste prevention activity in north London.

With up to 100% funding of the project cost, support can be provided for projects up to £15,000 tackling a waste prevention problem. Projects which focus on one or more of the following – electrical repair and reuse, prevention of food waste, furniture and textile reuse, and the reduction of single use plastics – are particularly encouraged.

**Cut-off date for applications is 12 noon on 7 May 2021.**

### **Climate Action Fund**

The next round of the National Lottery's Climate Action Fund is now open.

In this round, the Climate Action Fund will focus on supporting projects addressing **waste and sustainable consumption**.

**Applications were to be submitted by April 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. Further rounds to be announced.**

### **Grow back Greener Fund**

These support a wide range of activities to help make London greener, fairer, healthier and more resilient. These activities should take place in and enhance publicly accessible spaces including parks, community gardens, housing estates, streets, waterways and nature reserves. They should mainly be focused on making physical improvements to the space.

**Current round of funding closed**

### **Walking and cycling grant**

Walking and Cycling Grants London is a programme which supports London's diverse communities to walk and cycle more often and more safely. It offers grants to projects of up to £10,000 over a three-year period. To find out more visit: [wcgl.london](http://wcgl.london)

**Current round of funding closed**

### **Transport & Logistical Efficiencies (TALE) funding**

TALE is open to SMEs with a logistics function including freight transport, manufacturing and distribution and any company moving goods from A to B.

To find out more visit: <https://www.tale.org.uk/>

## National Funding Schemes

### Non-domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

The non-domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) helps businesses, public sector and non-profit organisations meet the cost of installing renewable heat technologies.

#### Types of heating

- biomass
- heat pumps (ground source, water source and air source)
- deep geothermal
- solar thermal collectors
- biomethane and biogas
- combined heat and power (CHP) systems

Payments are made over 20 years and are based on the heat output of your system.

### Low-emission vehicles eligible for a plug-in grant

You can get a discount on the price of brand new low-emission vehicles through a grant the government gives to vehicle dealerships and manufacturers.

You do not need to do anything if you want to buy one of the eligible vehicles (see list) - the dealer will include the value of the grant in the vehicle's price.

The maximum grant available for cars is £3,000

## WRAP Resource Action Fund

The Resource Action Fund is an £18million fund, provided by Defra to support resource efficiency projects, with the goal of diverting, reducing, and better managing, waste. Info [here](#)

**Most grants announced earlier in 2020 are currently closed**

## Innovate UK

### Sustainable Innovation Fund

This fund offers almost £200 million to help businesses across the UK drive forward cutting-edge new tech and recover from the impacts of coronavirus. Funding could go towards developing new technologies focused on making homes and offices more energy efficient to

cut bills, creating ground-breaking medical technologies to treat infections and diseases, or reducing the carbon footprint of public transport in our towns and cities. Research and Development (R&D) intensive businesses urged to apply for funding to turn ingenious ideas into new technologies

### **Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund**

The Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund is part of government's Industrial Strategy, the long-term plan to raise productivity and earning power in the UK.

The fund is a core pillar in the government's commitment to increase funding in research and development by £4.7 billion over 4 years to strengthen UK science and business.

### **Driving the electric revolution**

To seize the economic opportunities from the global transition to clean technologies and electrification. The programme will help businesses across numerous sectors including transport, energy, construction and agriculture to invest and work together to capitalise on the UK's strengths in this technology.

### **Industrial decarbonisation**

Aims to boost development of low-carbon technologies to increase competitiveness of key industrial regions and support the UK's drive for Clean Growth.

### **Smart Sustainable Plastic Packaging**

Aims to establish the UK as a leading innovator in smart and sustainable plastic packaging for consumer products, delivering cleaner growth across the supply chain, with a dramatic reduction in plastic waste entering the environment by 2025.

### **Prospering from the energy revolution**

An overview of government's challenge to industry and research to create more efficient energy systems and benefit the UK economy from the global uptake.

### **Future Flight**

The Future Flight Challenge will enable the UK to build, use and export new, greener ways of flying through advances in electric and autonomous flight technology.

## The Tree Council

### [Grants for tree planting](#)

They have funds available to assist schools and community groups proposing to undertake well-planned tree, orchard and hedge planting projects this winter (November 2020 – March 2021).

They will fund 100% of the cost (excluding VAT) of strong applications from £300 to an increased upper limit of £1500.

There is no deadline for applications, but applicants must ensure that they can plan and execute their project, and claim the funding upon completion, by the **end of March 2021**. Further rounds to be announced.

## Centrica

### [Energy for Tomorrow](#)

Centrica are building a portfolio of 6-10 organisations who will receive grants of between £100,000 and £500,000 each supporting a diverse set of entrepreneurs to help deliver affordable, accessible and reliable clean energy projects. The grants will be provided over a period of up to three years and priority will be given to smaller organisations with turnover of less than £1 million and to projects focused on the UK.

## Funding Bodies

### [CO2Sence](#)

Make investments in low carbon and renewable projects in the UK.

### [Cooperative and Community Financing](#)

Provide competitive loans to the cooperative and social enterprise sector (e.g. community owned shops, pubs, facilities, housing coops, etc).

### [Charity Bank](#)

Lend to charities, social enterprises, etc, where the loan is being used for social purposes.

### [Triodos Bank](#)

They finance organisations supporting positive social, environmental or cultural change.



### **Power to Change**

Supports and funds community businesses in the UK.

### **Salix Finance**

Salix Finance Ltd. provides interest-free Government funding to the public sector to improve energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions and lower energy bills.

### **Green Finance Institute**

They support the greening of the financial system through close collaboration with financial regulators, policymakers, trade bodies, think tanks, foundations and multilateral organisations to shape the global green finance agenda - developing a range of initiatives to help fund the energy efficient retrofitting of buildings, and the decarbonisation of road transport.