



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

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

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.

50% off Santander Cycle Hire

Residents and businesses in Hackney, Islington and Tower Hamlets can now apply for half price Santander Cycle Hire memberships from the Zero Emissions Network.

Annual membership is usually £90, with this offer bringing the cost down to £45. The scheme is great for short trips, especially for those who do not own a bike. Docking stations can be found across Clerkenwell, Shoreditch, Spitalfields, Canary Wharf and Whitechapel.

To find out more and apply for your promotional code, please email zen@hackney.gov.uk

Greater London Authority

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.

[Mayor's Air Quality Fund](#)

The Mayor's Air Quality Fund is a £22 million fund over 10 years to support projects by London boroughs to improve air quality. The fund is currently closed for applications and will reopen again in Autumn 2021 (for projects of three years' duration).

[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

[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.

[Van/minibus scrappage fund](#)

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.

[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.

[Healthy Streets fund for businesses](#)

Business Improvement Districts and recognised business groups can apply for this fund to implement proven consolidation initiatives like micro-consolidation, cargo bikes and preferred supplier schemes. **Current round of funding closed**

The fund aims to:

- support initiatives and solutions that improve road network efficiency, local air quality and road safety by reducing the number of delivery and servicing related trips especially during peak hours (07:00 - 10:00) and reducing vehicle emissions
- encourage active travel in areas that heavily rely on private car use
- evaluate the effectiveness of different initiatives and solutions, capture and then share achievements and lessons learned

For more information on this fund, email: HealthyStreetsFund@tfl.gov.uk.

For community groups:

[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.

Find out more in their press release: [TfL funding for cycling and walking projects](#).

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.

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](#)

COVID-19 Emergency Surplus Food Grant

As part of the UK Government's collaborative response to supporting key infrastructure throughout this difficult time, Defra is making £4.85m available through the Resource Action Fund. The COVID-19 Emergency Surplus Food Grant will be delivered in three phases:

Phase 1 support has started with WRAP approaching a target list of small redistribution organisations who have applied previously to the fund to ascertain their immediate need for potential funding support.

Phase 2 provides funding opportunities for small surplus food redistributors and is open for applications.

Phase 3 was aimed at medium to larger operators and is now 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.

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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

Funds are available to assist schools and community groups proposing to undertake well-planned tree and hedge planting projects this winter (November 2020 – March 2021), preferably during National Tree Week – 28 November – 6 December 2020.

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

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

CO2Sense

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.