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Local Growth Fund - Green Business Support

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1. Introduction

The Local Growth Fund (LGF) provides targeted financial support to help businesses in East Dunbartonshire to grow, innovate, become more resilient and operate sustainably.

The **Green Business Support Grant** is a discretionary grant for projects that reduce environmental impact, improve energy efficiency and contribute to net zero goals.

PLEASE NOTE: This grant stream is for business with commercial premises only.

2. Who can apply

The fund is open to:

- Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in East Dunbartonshire.
- Social enterprises engaged in trading activities.

You must:

- Supply a carbon/energy audit dated within the last 12 months (if you do not have such evidence, please email business.support@eastdunbarton.gov.uk)
- Have been trading for at least 12 months
- Be based in East Dunbartonshire with commercial premises
- Have no outstanding debts to East Dunbartonshire Council
- Comply with all legal, building standards, planning, environmental, and health & safety requirements.

3. What we can fund

The **Green Business Support Grant** may fund projects which help businesses progress towards net zero and to reduce carbon emissions. This could include:

- Energy-efficient lighting, heating, insulation or equipment
- Renewable energy installations (solar, heat pumps, etc.)
- Waste reduction, recycling or sustainable packaging projects
- Supporting the switch to active travel

4. What we cannot fund

- Routine maintenance or repairs
- Costs incurred before grant approval
- Projects without clear environmental impact
- Statutory compliance costs (e.g. health & safety)
- Staff wages or ongoing overheads
- Purely promotional or marketing activity
- Electric vehicles.

5. Funding available

- A maximum of £5,000 grant funding is available. For projects costs above £2,500 the applicant must provide 50% match funding towards the additional costs (e.g. for a £6,000 project, the grant would contribute £4,250 and the applicant would contribute £1,750).

Total project cost	Grant available	Applicant contribution
Up to £2,500	£2,500	£0
Over £2,500	£2,500 + 50% of costs over £2,500	50% of costs over £2,500

- The grant cannot cover the VAT element of the project quotes.
- Grant support from East Dunbartonshire Council cannot exceed 10% of recent annual turnover.

6. How to Apply

Submit a complete application form with the following evidence:

- Latest company accounts
- Business bank statements (last three months)
- Project quotations
- Evidence of Business Energy/Carbon Audit dated within the last 12 months (you must supply evidence that the project will result in reductions in energy use and/or carbon emissions)
- Proof of business registration.

7. Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed on:

- Impact – clear environmental benefits
- Value for money – cost vs benefits delivered
- Deliverability – ability to complete within timescales
- Additional benefits – e.g. resilience, innovation, local economic impact, etc.

8. Conditions of Grant

Conditions of this grant include:

- Projects must be completed within six months of award
- Grants are paid in arrears, upon submission of receipts/invoices and proof of payment
- Breach of conditions will result in compulsory repayment of the grant
- Funding cannot support more than 10% of the previous year's turnover
- Only businesses registered within the East Dunbartonshire area with commercial premises are eligible for this fund.

Terms of grant will be issued subject to an application being approved.

PLEASE NOTE: Grants are discretionary and subject to available funding. Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee an award.