

Priority 2 – Low Carbon Grant Fund

This is an invitation to submit Expressions of Interest to explore the possibility of an investment by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Convergence Programme for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

The Low Carbon Grant Fund (LCGF) (circa £4m-£5m ERDF) is designed to support ERDF eligible¹ businesses in order to improve their energy/resource efficiency and/or enable the generation of low carbon energy and/or deliver greenhouse gas reduction via other innovative means.

The fund is part of the Convergence Programme's commitment to carbon reduction and will invest in projects that have carbon reduction as their primary outcome. The fund is not designed for purely energy generation programmes; particularly where other government incentives are available, or for projects whose primary objective is energy export.

Only investments that result in a significant and measurable reduction in carbon will be eligible for this fund, with a minimum (ERDF) investment of £70,000 available, up to a maximum of £1,000,000. For investment proposals of over £1m please contact the team (via the email address below) as early as possible as additional approvals are required for investments of this scale.

There will be a workshop at Epiphany House in Truro on Monday 9th May at 2pm which will address any questions that may have arisen as a result of the call. For full details of the workshop and how to register please contact Janet Bowen on jbowen@cornwall.gov.uk.

¹ (please contact Janet Bowen –contact details below – for full eligibility criteria)



If you are interested in submitting an Expression of Interest please send your details through to the Cornwall Council Convergence team at the address below or via email jbowen@cornwall.gov.uk. All questions and/or requests for questionnaires must be submitted in writing. Please note the deadline for submissions is 1st June 2011.

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