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## **How can public buildings benefit from working with Smart Energy Greater Lincolnshire?**

We are seeking expressions of interests for energy conservation measures (ECMs) and renewable energy upgrades to public buildings across Greater Lincolnshire.

**Please note that the deadline for full applicant submission is now closed.**

**Expressions of interest can be submitted and will be invited to make a full application in the event we secure further funding.**

For example, projects could include: solar PV; heat pumps; small wind turbines; insulation; heating replacements and upgrades; hot water saving measures; controls and zoning to manage heating more effectively; building management systems and display dashboards for building users; lighting upgrades and controls; refrigeration upgrades and controls.

These improvements should lead to significant savings of gas and electricity use and therefore greenhouse gases. They must also not be standard retrofit and instead include smart controls and innovative approaches which are suitable for case studies and demonstrator projects. In addition to funding from Smart Energy Greater Lincolnshire, applicants must be prepared to provide match funding from the Salix Energy Efficiency Loans scheme or from another source of public funding which does NOT include any European element (must be clean matched).

### **Eligibility**

This is the first check undertaken, as your organisation must:

- a) Own the building itself and is considered "Public". For this to be the case your organisation has to directly or indirectly receive over 50% of its main funding from central or local government.
- b) Whether you are paying the building's energy bill. If you are not paying the bill and have an alternative arrangement, please let us know before expressing an interest.

### **How much will Smart Energy Greater Lincolnshire fund?**

It is expected that proposed projects will have a 5 to 10 year payback and be able to demonstrate ERDF contribution was essential to their going ahead. This will be a simple payback of total capital cost ex VAT / annual savings with no consideration of changed maintenance requirements, inflation, or similar.



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The amount of funding offered by Smart Energy Greater Lincolnshire to successful applicants depends on various factors, including the details of the proposal, other funding secured or pending, how it contributes to the ERDF outputs, value for money, and the remaining grant funding available at the time of application.

As a guide, the ERDF contribution offered could be up to 50 per cent of total project costs. Contributions from Smart Energy Greater Lincolnshire will be in the range of £10,000 to £250,000. If your project is of larger value, but funds already secured require a smaller percentage contribution from Smart Energy Greater Lincolnshire to go ahead, please detail this in the expression of interest form.

The project runs until March 2021, and it is anticipated that improvement works to buildings must be completed by October 2020 at the latest. Earlier is preferable, subject to a realistic timeline.