



Swindon & Wiltshire
LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

ERDF Low Carbon Call information session 12 January 2018

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Today: Order

Agenda for today

- ERDF Priority 4 – the two calls
- Local priorities and strategic fit
- National & programme priorities for low carbon
- Making strong applications
- Next steps and questions

ERDF Priority 4: Progress to date

Monies allocated to Swindon and Wiltshire for Priority 4

ERDF priority 4	Allocation in £
PA4 allocation	£5,436,151
Project commitment to date	£1,350,000
<i>Remaining amounts</i>	
Call 1 – Low Carbon – open call	£2,750,000
Call 2 – Resource & energy efficient businesses	£1,000,000
Subject to national performance review 2018	£336,000

- Previous calls
- Monies committed
- What we learned

ERDF Priority 4: Call Details

Call 1 – Low Carbon Open call	£2,750,000
Call 2 – Resource & energy efficient businesses	£1,000,000

Time line for applications – [download forms](#)

- Closing date 23:59 - 26th January 2018

Project timeline – [call details](#)

- Realistic start date is November / December 2018
- Duration 3 years for revenue-based projects

HM Treasury guarantee

- Contracts made before 29 March 2019 will be honoured regardless of situation on Brexit

Local Priorities: Strategic Fit

- Call document section 3.2 **‘Local development need’**
- [ESIF Strategy](#) and local policy inform local priorities
- Local committee advises Managing Authority on Outline and Full Application assessments, but it does not decide.
- Alignment to **national eligibility criteria** and operational programme are at core of selection

Local Priorities: Call 1 Open

Local development needs [Call 1 papers](#)

- Energy transition needs are the same as most other places
- Early deployment / demonstration makes for better fit with rules
- Storage – distribution – capacity management - smart grids
- Energy efficiency, materials and tech for homes and business
- R&D for new and innovative energy technologies

Hydrogen in particular

- ‘Green’ hydrogen production techniques, distribution, supply
- Infrastructure for sector growth, jobs and emissions reductions
- Enabling renewables – storage, distribution, vectoring & grids
- CHP and fuel cells – for installation and demonstration

Local Priorities: Call 2 Energy efficient business

Local development needs [Call 2 papers](#)

- Engage, assist and remove barriers for SMEs to invest in efficiency improvements for energy and resources – driving down GHG
- Resource efficiency – not just energy – reducing GHG is critical
- Practical support – project most probably an ‘intermediary’
- Large numbers of SMEs in the area that need help ...
- Economic growth – productivity, competitiveness, investment
- Should link to [Growth Hub](#) to ensure continuity and coordination with other local projects

National Priorities: Eligibility

Project activity (‘indicative actions’)

- Call document section 3.3
- Proposals must be within the scope of the eligible activities
- Coherent application should begin with activities and work from there
- **Investment Priorities** Call 1 all apply except 4b; Call 2 is only 4b & 4f

Costs

- Costs should be set out in the Application Annex
- Outline Application should make reasonably accurate explanation of the costs of carrying out the activities to deliver the project

Beneficiaries

- SMEs mainly – assisting SME beneficiary is core business output

National Priorities: Outputs and value

Outputs [Full list of local ERDF targets](#)

- Causation – from Input (costs) and Outputs (deliverables)
- Outputs are discreet to each **investment priority**
- [Read the Guidance](#) – meanings are obscure, evidence is prescribed
- C1 - 12 hours assistance, building block – other outputs are subsets
- C34 - Green House Gas emissions (tCO₂ equivalent) – indicate how:
 - a. reductions will be made from the inputs and indicative actions
 - b. will evidence be produced – including setting baselines

Value for Money

- No. of outputs / input monies = vfm figure given to proposal
- Programme *ready reckoners* provide scores on effectiveness and efficiency

National Priorities: Local outputs targets

Swindon & Wiltshire PA4 Targets (by 2023)

Green House Gas (GHG) reduction (p.a.)

- 3,415t CO₂e

Support to enterprises (12hrs/£1k)

- 284 enterprises supported

**Increased energy generated from renewables
(MW)**

- 1MW

Reduced energy consumption in public buildings

- 48,819 kWh/annum

**Households with improved energy consumption
classification (SAP rating)**

- 51 households

Programme priorities: Technical

State Aid

- Call 1 - rules under general block exemption (GBER)
- Call 2 – de minimis support for SMEs assisted may apply
- You will need formal advice at Full Application stage

Procurement

- Competition rules apply – published tenders
- Rules apply to partners and grant-aided beneficiaries

Income generation

- To prevent incompatible subsidy with grant when project creates income – discounted grants or clawback apply

Read the Guidance - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/england-2014-to-2020-european-structural-and-investment-funds>

Strong applications: Process

The ERDF Application Process

- **Outline Application** - Assessment - ESIF Sub Committee - Managing Authority decision
- **Full Application** - Meeting - Appraisal (iterative) - ESIF Sub Committee - Managing Authority decision
- **Grant Funding Agreement (GFA)** - pre-GFA conditions - GFA completion – contract conditions
- **Project Inception Visit (PIV) and On the Spot Verification (OtSV)**
- **Project Management** – Claims – ongoing compliance (potential audit checks / visits)

[Project life cycle guide](#)

Strong applications: Delivery

Expenditure

- Capital or revenue – follows **indicative actions**
- Project budget – separate accounts

Partners

- Lead partner is responsible for the project – will hold contract (“GFA”)
- Delivery partners have legal agreements with lead partner to deliver particular activities – this allows lead partner to work with who it wishes
- Alternatively, delivery can be sub-contracted, but must be publicly procured

Strong applications: Outline assessment

Gateway assessment

1. Is the applicant eligible to use funds from ERDF?
2. Is the activity and spending eligible within the rules?
3. Is the proposal relevant to the call for proposal?

Core Selection criteria

- A. Strategic fit – with ERDF programme, national priorities, etc
- B. Value for money
- C. Deliverability
- D. Management and control
- E. Compliance – with State Aid, Procurement rules & publicity
- F. Cross-cutting themes Equality and Sustainable Development

[Selection criteria guidance](#)

Technical Assistance: Any Questions?



Thank you very much

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<https://growthhub.swlep.co.uk/community/swindon-wiltshire-esif-eu-funding-programme>

[https://www.swlep.co.uk/programmes/European-Structural-Investment-Fund-\(ESIF\)](https://www.swlep.co.uk/programmes/European-Structural-Investment-Fund-(ESIF))

