

What is this Grant?

The grant is available to assist purchase of equipment that will reduce a business's environmental impact. This includes equipment which will help to reduce the amount of waste produced or energy and water usage.

What type of projects will be covered under the scheme?

Equipment purchased will improve business resource efficiency, reducing waste, energy and/or water usage and includes:

- More efficient production equipment
- More efficient electric motors or drives
- Improved heating or lighting fixtures or controls
- Less energy intensive refrigeration equipment
- Better recycling of materials
- Water saving equipment

How much is available?

The grant awarded will be a maximum of £8000 per company and not exceeding 20% of the overall equipment cost over the period the scheme is available (until end March 2012). The minimum grant that a company can apply for is £500 (that is an overall cost of £2500).

Who can apply?

Almost any small/medium enterprise that is based in the Yorkshire & Humber region. This grant is not available to the following sectors:

- Businesses providing local services such as hairdressers.
- Retailing
- Primary steelmaking
- Shipbuilding
- Synthetic fibre manufacturers
- Banking or Insurance
- Quarrying/Mining
- Fishery & Aquaculture
- Primary production, processing and marketing of agricultural products
- Coal
- Provision of local social welfare facilities e.g. hospitals, nursing homes, fire stations, child-minding facilities, sports facilities, public libraries and parks

What will companies need to do?

Contact YFM Business Development for an application form and information on how to calculate and demonstrate the savings that will be made once the equipment is installed and show the equipment is to be purchased at a competitive price.

Where does the money come from?

Funding for this scheme comes from Yorkshire Forward, the Region's Development Agency, through the CO2Sense Yorkshire programme. The grant money is paid by YFM Business Development on behalf of CO2Sense Yorkshire, funded by Yorkshire Forward and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

Are there any restrictions?

Some limited restrictions do apply which will be assessed during the application process. Equipment must not have already been purchased, claims cannot be processed retrospectively. All equipment must be purchased and installed and grant paid by 31 March 2012.

Who do I contact for more information or to start the process?

To find out more about the application process and to receive an application form, please contact Leanne Adams, breig@co2sense.org.uk or call 0113 368 5232.

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