

What is this Grant?

The grant is available to assist businesses in engaging a specialist consultant to conduct projects which will improve business resource efficiency. This will include consultancy projects which will reduce waste energy and/or water usage.

Who will conduct the consultancy work?

YFM Business Development will be able to direct you to a choice of appropriate consultants for selection by the business.

What type of projects will be covered under the scheme?

Projects which require the expertise to deliver benefits to both the business and the environment, reducing waste, water or energy consumption. These may include:

- Energy assessments and reduction implementation activity
- Waste reduction activity
- Water usage review and improvement
- Developing recycling opportunities
- Reduction in compressed air usage
- Support to implement an Environmental Management System

How much is available?

The grant awarded will be a maximum of £2000 per company and not exceeding 50% of the overall consultancy cost. *Manufacturing companies can also access funding via the Manufacturing Advisory Service – contact YFM Business Development for further details.*

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 who will assign an appropriate consultant to the project. The consultant will then be asked to liaise with the company to develop "Project Terms of Reference", stating the expected resource efficiency improvement and business savings that will be made as a result of this project.

Where does the money come from?

Funding for this scheme comes from Yorkshire Forward, the Region's Development Agency through, CO2 Sense Yorkshire. The grant money is paid by YFM Business Development on behalf of CO2 Sense 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. All consultancy work must be completed and grant paid for 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.