

What is this Grant?

The grant is available to assist businesses in engaging in training which will lead to learning on resource efficiency/environmental matters where this may subsequently lead to resource efficiency improvements within their business.

What type of training will be covered?

The training can be conducted by a variety of organisations in the Yorkshire & Humber region – it's aimed at short courses which can be undertaken and completed before March 2012. Courses/training eligible includes:

- Chartered Institute of Waste Management (CIWM) awareness courses
- Training in environmental management systems
- In-house training delivered by an external training provider or consultant
- Environmental conferences and events which will lead to learning outcomes

How much funding is available?

The grant awarded will be a maximum of 50% net training cost capped at £500 per company per annum.

Who can apply?

Almost any small/medium enterprise in the Yorkshire & Humber region. To be eligible, individuals to be trained must be an employee i.e. in possession of a contract of employment with an employer. Learners/organisations who are environmental consultants or delivering environmental support are not eligible and should apply for training funding through GBSO (www.gbsso.org). 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?

Decide on a training course which will fit their needs. Send in a training application form to YFM Business Development with details on the training provider/course. A simple training review form will have to be completed by each trainee in order to make the final claim, along with proof of payment. Funding will be paid once the trainees have completed training/forms and the business has paid for the course.

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 training must be completed and paid for by 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.