

CARES Conference 2023

Community Action on Renewable Energy

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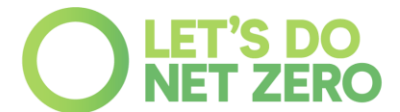


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Development Officers

Local Energy Scotland has a network of development officers across Scotland available to provide regional advice and support via phone, email, online meetings and in person.

Find your local contact on our website: localenergy.scot/local-contacts/



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CARES – Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings Fund



- Aims to support community organisations to decarbonise their buildings
- 80% of eligible costs up to a maximum of £80,000 are available
- Match funding of at least 20% required
- Subject to funding CARES is open to March 2025.
- Projects have 12 months to complete following approval



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Eligibility examples

Example buildings:

- ✓ Village halls
- ✓ Community centres
- ✓ Community hubs
- ✓ Sports facilities
- ✓ Faith buildings

- Constituted non-profit distributing community organisations, including organisations with charitable status, that are established and operating across a geographically defined community:
 - ✓ Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIO)
 - ✓ Private Companies Limited by Guarantee (CLG)
 - ✓ Community Benefit Societies (BenCom)
 - ✓ Community Interest Companies (CIC)
- Organisations that are constituted but unincorporated may also apply.

Eligibility: Who can use the building and how often is it used?

The building should be owned or leased by the applicant and used and occupied frequently

Applicants must demonstrate (via its constituting documents) that:

- **anyone** in the community can use the space or
- that **no-one** is explicitly **excluded** from being able to use the building or
- the building is used by **vulnerable** or **defined groups** stated in the charity's objectives, for example children, women, refugees.



Eligibility costs

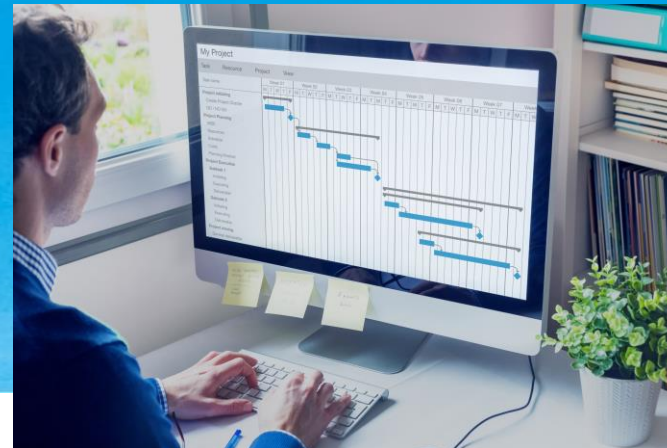
Capital and installation costs

For example, the cost to install the 'core' renewable energy measures and the 'add on' energy efficiency and energy storage measures



Project development costs

For example, building warrants, planning permission, grid connection, design and contractor services



Requirement for decarbonised heating

To be eligible for funding the project will need to:

Either install:

- a heat pump (air, ground or water source) and heat distribution system including heat emitters, pipework and controls
- connections to a heat network

Or your building will already have one of the following:

- a heat pump
- connection to a heat network
- direct electric (including storage heating or electric boilers)
- biomass heating.

Eligibility measures

Core measures

- A heat pump (air, water, ground)
- A connection to heat network
- Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels or
- Solar water heating (if the heating requirement has already been met).
- **You can look to install add-on measures if you already have a heat pump, biomass or direct electric heating or are connected to a heat network**

Add-on measures

- Energy storage – heat/ thermal or electrical
- Insulation – loft, underfloor or cavity wall insulation
- Secondary glazing
- Draught proofing
- LED bulbs and appropriate light fittings
- Smart controls
- **Add-on measures must be a minority element of the overall funding requested**

Choosing which measures to install and finding suitable renewables installers:

Applicants must be able to show a clear rationale for the choice and scale of technology supported through CARES. For example:

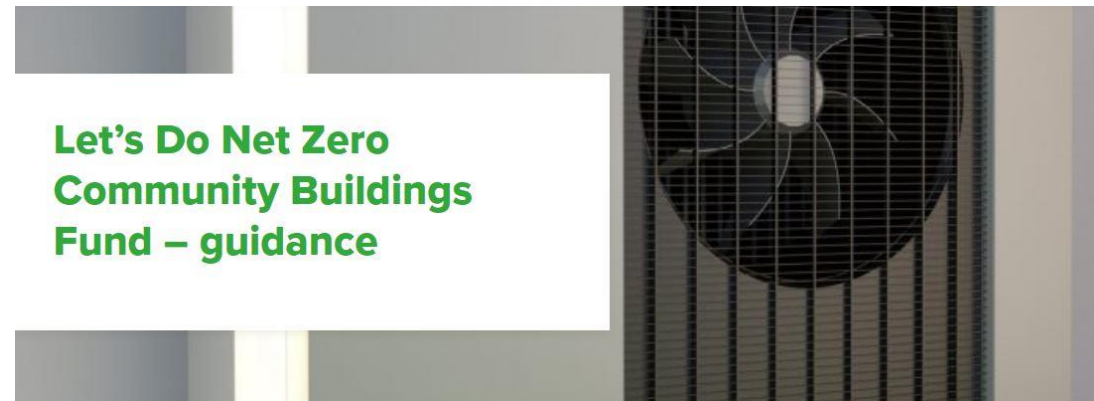
- an energy report from Business Energy Scotland
- an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Accredited Microgeneration Certification Scheme (**MCS**) Installers should be used. You can find installers near you on:

- Renewables Installer Finder (RIF) <https://rif.est.org.uk/>
- MCS website <https://mcscertified.com/>

Check that your project is eligible for CARES support

- Review our full funding guidance – on [Local Energy Scotland](#) website
- Review our frequently asked questions - on [Local Energy Scotland](#) website
- Contact your local Development Officer



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Refreshments in the foyer 14.45 – 15.00

15.00 – 16.00 Workshop 2

- Preparing for shared ownership of windfarms – Ellisland suite
- Community benefits – from community action plans to net zero – Alloway suite
- Heat pumps – heating for net zero – Cambridge suite