

Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme Fact Sheet



On 6th October 2008, the Scottish Government announced a further round of funding under the Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme, specifically targeted to encourage renewable heat use by businesses and in district heating demonstrators.

The Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme is Scotland-wide, with funding of £2 million from April 2009 to March 2011. The Scheme will provide grants for installation of biomass heating systems in small-medium scale enterprises (SMEs). The Scottish Government is also keen to encourage the development of district heating, and would particularly welcome applications for district heating demonstrators from private developers.

Key drivers are:

- to increase take-up of renewable heat use by SMEs;
- the strategic transformation of the Scottish woodfuel market;
- supporting rural economies by creating sustainable green jobs;
- contributing to renewable energy targets;
- maximising carbon savings.

Amounts/Time-scales

- £2 million of funding to be disbursed from April 2009 to March 2011.
- Maximum grant of £100,000.
- Additional support for district heating projects may be considered on a case-by-case basis for projects with an outstanding demonstration value.
- Up to 50% funding of the additional capital costs of a biomass heating system compared to an equivalent fossil-fuel system can be supported under the scheme.

Who can apply? - Eligibility

- Funding under this round is limited to SMEs¹
- Land-based businesses and rural micro-enterprises who are eligible under the SRDP for installations up to 250 kW will not be eligible for SBHS funding.

¹ An SME is an autonomous enterprise with i) a staff headcount of less than 250 and ii) a turnover \leq 50 million EUROS or a balance sheet total \leq 43 million EUROS

Where your business is linked or a partner enterprise, relationships with other enterprises should be taken into account. A user guide is available at ec.europa.eu/enterprise/enterprise_policy/sme_definition/index_en.htm.

- Community projects and local authorities who are eligible for SCHRI support will not be eligible for SBHS funding.
- Private householders are not eligible as funding is available for domestic installations under SCHRI.
- Funding cannot be given out retrospectively under any circumstances

For what? (Type of applications)

The type of installations that will be funded under the SBHS is limited to heat only projects. Electricity only or Combined Heat & Power projects will not be considered as additional support for electricity generation will be made available through banding of the Renewables Obligation (Scotland).

Application process

- Full application forms are available on www.usewoodfuel.co.uk and www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/Energy/19185/20805/BioSupport Registration forms are also available for initial enquiries and registering interest in the scheme. However, registration is not a requirement of the scheme, nor a guarantee of funding.
- Support will be available via the SBHS support team at all stages
- Applications will be assessed competitively against an agreed set of indicators and further details will be provided in the guidance notes to accompany the application form.

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