



**GUIDE TO ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS
FOR THE NET ZERO GRANT PROGRAMME (NZGP)**

ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

The Net Zero Grant Programme (NZGP), the grant is part funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and administered by Birmingham City Council (BCC). Eligible expenditure must be linked directly to the implementation of energy and resource efficiency measures.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST UNDERTAKE A FREE ENERGY AUDIT/DIAGNOSTIC/ON-SITE CARBON REDUCTION SURVEY PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION.

Eligible expenditure is as follows:

For Existing SMEs/Start-Ups:

The *capital grants* will support businesses to purchase assets that will support them to become more efficient and cost effective. Grants will cover energy/resource efficiency improvements to business premises. For example:

- Solar Panels
- Wind Turbines
- Ventilation (fans, distribution, destratification fans)
- Heating (replacement boilers, burners, heat pumps)
- Renewable technologies
- Lighting (LED, controls, sensors)
- Refrigeration
- Compressors
- Insulation
- Recycling & Waste (compactors, balers & crushers)
- Water management.

The grant funding will not be used for training and skills development.

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INELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

Travel Expenses/Subsistence

- Accommodation
- Car parking
- Company vehicles
- Courier services
- Flights
- Food and drink
- Mileage
- Petrol, diesel or other fuel
- Refreshments
- Travel abroad

General Business Expenses

- Forwarding of post for a change of address as part of relocation
- Ink/toner cartridges or printer ink
- Internal employee wages/time
- Monthly bills/annual charges (ie telephone, internet, utilities, servicing of equipment, etc)
- Newspapers/journals
- Printing of current promotional material
- Postage of current promotional material
- Service/maintenance charges on office equipment
- Stock items
- Subscriptions to magazines, etc

Property Expenses

- Conversion of a building into offices or commercial/residential accommodation for rental purposes (including short term lets)
- Domestic/residential properties
- Planning permission/building regulation fees
- Rent & rates for current or new premises
- Rent deposit on new premises
- Service charges

Professional Fees

- Accountancy fees
- Coaching and mentoring
- Consultancy fees relating to completing the application
- Recruitment
- Training (excluding training on a new piece of equipment purchased as part of a project)
- Writing of a generic business plan, generic marketing strategy, etc.,

Please note: this list is not exhaustive and may be subject to amendments

