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**GUIDE TO ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS
FOR BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS PROGRAMME (BEEGP)**

ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

The BEEGP, the grant is part funded by The Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) and Department for Levelling Up (DLUHC) administered by Birmingham City Council (BCC). Eligible expenditure must be linked directly to mitigation of the impacts of energy cost rises, the transition to net zero, to make carbon savings through increased energy, resource efficiency, implementation of energy and resource efficiency measures.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST UNDERTAKE A FREE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT DELIVERED BY A QUALIFIED ASSESSOR PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION.

Eligible expenditure is as follows:

For Existing SMEs:

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. Technology Eligibility for the grants will be kept broad but renewable technologies generating energy such as solar or wind turbines are out of Scope, technologies will include but not be limited to the following:

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Cross-sectional technologies	Heat and energy recovery and heat pumps	Measurement, control and regulation technology, sensors, and energy management software	Energy and resource-related optimisation of systems and processes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting (LED, controls, sensors) • Electric motors and drives • Electrically driven pumps • Fans • Compressed air generators and their higher-level control • Thermal insulation/thermal insulation • Submetering: where there is an energy consuming process where monitoring could drive reductions in consumption (due to behaviour change) and a recommendation to this effect is included in an energy assessment; or for high value projects specifically to wrap around another funded intervention in order to calculate the effectiveness for our monitoring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures to recover and use waste energy including Heat pumps that recover waste heat from the industrial process and utilise this waste heat in another industrial process(es) onsite; or • Where the heat pump sources heat from the natural environment to be used in an industrial process(es) onsite. This can include geothermal technologies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems for monitoring and for the efficient control of energy and material flows for integration into an energy or environmental management system (submetering) • Energy management software including training costs where there is clear evidence that a substantial proportion of the consumption would be reduced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process and procedure changes that lead to energy and resource savings, in particular energy and resource-efficient technologies as well as energy and resource-oriented optimisation of production processes. • Measures to increase the energy and/or resource efficiency of systems for heating, cooling, and ventilation if these are clearly and predominantly used directly for production processes. • Measures for the energy and/or resource-efficient provision of process heat or cold. • Measures to avoid energy and/or resource losses in the production process. • Measures that lead to the use of a renewable energy source instead of a fossil fuel. • Measures to electrify processes.

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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

- Solar panels
- Wind Turbines
- Conversion of a building into offices or commercial/residential accommodation for rental purposes (including short term lets)
- Domestic/residential properties
- Relocation or Expansion into a new site
- 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/software 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.

