

# Zero-carbon funding FAQs

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## *Latest funding opportunities*

- The [Marches LEP Government Funding Tracker](#) provides the latest government funding announcements for businesses and stakeholders to keep up to date about important opportunities for the region.
- [CREST](#): University Centre Shrewsbury provides research and innovation support to small and medium enterprises across Shropshire.
- [Funding Finder](#): a free resource for grant fundraisers with information on hundreds of grant funders, including what they fund, and how to apply
- [Grant Finder](#): the leading funding database in the UK covering local, national, and international sources of funding
- [Grants Online](#): Grants Online is the UK's most comprehensive and up to date UK grant funding information service

## *Support and grants for businesses*

- [Business Energy Efficiency Programme \(BEEP\)](#): Lower energy bills in your business, so if you are looking to cut costs and save carbon, we can help
- [Business Growth Programme](#): Grant support for individuals and businesses looking to start, grow and expand in the Marches LEP area
- [Cool Shropshire and Telford](#) - A FREE environmental support scheme for local micro businesses and SMEs looking to be a little greener.
- [Green Home Finance Accelerator](#) Competition to support the development of innovative green finance products and services, enabling homeowners to decarbonise their homes and improve thermal comfort.
- [Industrial Energy Transformation Fund \(IETF\)](#) Almost £5 billion of funding is available to help UK businesses become greener as part of the government's commitment to reach net zero emissions by 2050

- [Industrial Hydrogen Accelerator Programme](#) The £26 million Industrial Hydrogen Accelerator Programme provides funding for innovation projects that can demonstrate end-to-end industrial fuel switching to hydrogen
- [Low Carbon Opportunities Programme \(LoCOP\)](#): Do you have the potential for high-tech green growth, and innovative low carbon solutions?

## *Business advice and support*

- [CREST](#): University Centre Shrewsbury provides research and innovation support to small and medium enterprises across Shropshire.
- [Catapult UK](#): Supports businesses in transforming great ideas into valuable products and services.
- [Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy](#)
- [Innovate UK](#): We support business-led innovation in all sectors.
- [Shropshire Climate Action](#) Countywide climate initiatives
- [Marches Growth Hub](#): Your gateway to business support: The Growth Hub is the portal for businesses to access support, including information on grants.
- [Marches Local Enterprise Partnerships](#): Provides clarity and speedy governance; embracing a wide degree of expert opinion and knowledge.
- [Midlands Net Zero Hub](#) - Helping organisations in the region to decarbonise.
- [Save Money Cut Carbon](#): A purchasing service for businesses and homes: We help with products and expertise to save money and cut carbon.
- [Sustainability West Midlands](#): A central resource for the West Midlands

## *Public sector funding*

- [Carbon Trust](#): Industry-leading businesses and public sector support
- [Local Partnerships Re:fit](#): A procurement and delivery mechanism for public bodies for energy efficiency and local energy generation projects
- [Low Carbon Skills Fund](#): The Low Carbon Skills Fund provides grants to boost decarbonisation skills and unlock decarbonisation in the public sector
- [Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme](#): aimed at taking a ‘whole building’ approach to heat decarbonisation, combining heat decarbonisation with energy efficiency measures

- [Salix Recycling Fund](#) - capital investment in energy-efficient technologies across the public sector.

## *Financial support and grants for homes*

- [Keep Shropshire Warm](#): Our free and impartial energy advice and support service for homeowners, tenants and landlords. The team can support with a wide range of energy queries and help access grants and additional support. Support is available over the phone, online and face to face through a home visit appointment. Take a look at the [KSW webpages](#), call 0800 112 3743 or email [Advice@mea.org.uk](mailto:Advice@mea.org.uk).
- [Sustainable Warmth Shropshire](#): A range of energy efficiency and low carbon heating grants available to homeowners and private tenants and landlords. Measures covered include first-time double glazing, solid wall insulation, roof insulation, air source heat pumps and storage heating upgrades. You may find out more information and apply [here](#).
- [Boiler Upgrade Scheme](#): A new government scheme offering up to a £5,000 upfront voucher to help householders replace old heating systems with low carbon heating such as air source or ground source heat pumps. The scheme is installer-led, so speak to your local installer for more information or visit [the Gov.UK website](#).
- [Cost of living help | Shropshire Council](#): Tips on where to find support across Shropshire.
- [Energy Company Obligation](#): A government-backed initiative offering grants for heating and insulation improvements. Funding is delivered by energy companies in partnership with installers. For more information, speak to your local installer or energy company, or contact Keep Shropshire Warm
- [Green Home Finance Accelerator](#) Competition to support the development of innovative green finance products and services, enabling homeowners to decarbonise their homes and improve thermal comfort.
- [Support for Solar Panels](#): If you are looking to install solar panels, you may wish to consider a smart export guarantee (SEG), a type of specially designed tariff that reimburses you for energy that you export to the National Grid. For more information visit [the Energy Saving Trust website](#) or speak to your energy supplier.
- Welfare Support Team - are you struggling to meet some of your essential living costs? You may be able to apply for some help from our [Welfare Support Team - local welfare provision | Shropshire Council](#).

## *Home efficiency: advice and guidance*

- [Our home efficiency FAQs](#)
- [Smart choices at home](#)
- [CAT – free information service.](#)
- CSE - [Advice and information for householders.](#)
- Find out more about [energy for your home](#) and [quick tips](#).
- [Energy efficient consumer goods.](#)

## *Electric vehicles (EVs) support*

- Government grant schemes: Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV)
  - [Government grants for low emission vehicles](#)
  - [OLEV Grants](#): - Are you eligible for £350 per EV charger?
  - [OLEV Grants OZEV Grant \(Pod Point\)](#)
  - [Plug in electric cars or vans](#)
- Energy Saving Trust
  - [Energy Saving Trust EV guidance](#)
  - [Business charge point funding](#)
  - [Electric vehicle loan](#)
  - [Funding, Grants and loans](#)
  - [Local electric vehicle infrastructure scheme](#)
- Charge points suppliers and installers
  - [BP Pulse](#): Business or public sector EV charging solutions
  - [Connected Kerb](#): EV charging solutions for a connected future
  - [GRID SERVE](#) – Electric forecourts
  - [My Energi Zappi](#) - British designed and made smart solar EV charger
  - [Pod Point](#) - We believe travel shouldn't damage the earth

## *Electricity suppliers that support EVs*

- [Ecotricity](#) - How to buy an electric car
- [Octopus Energy](#) - Energy tariff designed for EVs or home batteries
- [OVO Energy](#)

## *Further information on EVs*

- [Centre for Sustainable Transport](#)
- [Drive Green](#): the UK's largest selection of EVs with the very best specialist advice to help you find the right car for you
- [Fully Charged](#) (show and [YouTube channel](#))
- [Green Car Guide](#): Independent electric, hybrid car review and advice
- [Midlands Connect](#): We research, develop and progress transport projects
- [Next Green Car](#): help car buyers find and buy a more economical car
- [Zap Map](#) resources, tools and guides for EVs and charge points map.

## *Renewable energy support and advice*

- [Big Solar Cooperative](#): The Big Solar Co-op is a new approach to subsidy-free community solar, supported by Sharenergy (as below)
- [Community Energy – Sharenergy](#): Local people within a community come together to develop an energy project, with capital raised by selling shares
- [Rural Community Energy Fund](#): A revised [£10m programme](#) to support rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects
- [Shropshire and Telford Community Energy](#): A 'community benefit' society to develop and own community energy projects in Shropshire and Telford
- [Support for Solar Panels](#): Smart export guarantee (SEG), a specially designed tariff that reimburses you for energy exported to the National Grid. Find out more from [The Energy Saving Trust](#) or speak to your energy supplier