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Reduce your Energy Costs and Carbon Footprint

Through Business Link, the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) are offering Energy Grant 500 to help small businesses. The project, managed and delivered by BSK-CiC is designed to raise awareness of energy usage in the business and provide a grant of up to £500 to implement changes that will result in reduced energy costs and a smaller carbon footprint.

How does it work?

Businesses are offered the loan of a wireless energy monitor for a short period to identify where savings could be made through cutting energy usage. There is a Carbon Trust sticker and information pack to help motivate staff to 'switch off', and a walk around survey to help identify energy saving opportunities within the business. The main focus is for savings on heating and ventilation systems, lighting, office equipment and building fabric. You are encouraged to complete a simple action plan taking steps to cut your energy use.

Once you have decided where you can make energy savings, you can apply for a grant of up to £500 to pay for the improvements.

Support in deciding the right actions to take is available from the project.

What benefits does it offer?

Installing the energy monitor provides an instant view on the cost of energy usage in your business. It can help warn you of over-consumption, raise awareness of the electricity you are using and help you to take positive steps to cut your bills. The grant funding available allows you to make energy saving improvements resulting in cost savings to your business.

Eligibility

The grant is available for SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises); companies with fewer than 250 employees, and a turnover of less than £40 million. Qualifying SMEs must have business premises, either rented or owned, in the SEEDA region, and an annual energy spend of between £1,500 and £30,000. Home based businesses will not be eligible.

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