



Helping Reduce Dorset's Footprint

INFORMATION PACK

Business Sector



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Dorset
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Natural Beauty



Project Overview



Low Carbon Dorset is a new three year programme of activities to help stimulate growth in Dorset's low carbon economy.

We offer **FREE** technical support and grant funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Low Carbon Dorset aims to help Dorset businesses reduce energy consumption, and improve competitiveness and profitability.

The programme is run by Dorset County Council (DCC) and the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Our Aims...

- **Accelerate** the deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and approaches to reduce carbon emissions
- **Stimulate and demonstrate** innovation
- **Support** different types of low carbon projects and approaches within the Community, Public and Business Sectors
- **Encourage** biomass technologies as a key renewable energy technology for Dorset with wider benefits and potential for economic growth

Our Objectives... (by Sept 2020)

- **Support over 100 businesses** to reduce their carbon foot print and associated costs through energy efficiency and renewable energy measures
- **Support** standard energy efficiency measures & more ambitious low carbon projects by SMEs
- **Support** the introduction and future use of new and emerging technologies & solutions
- **Support SMEs** to develop new and innovative low carbon products and processes

What We Offer



Low Carbon Dorset is offering the following to Small & Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in Dorset, Bournemouth & Poole:

- 🌀 **Free Diagnostics & technical support** 2 days on site to explore your low carbon project ideas and opportunities. Followed by on-going support to get your project off the ground.
- 🌀 **Low Carbon Grants** to support the implementation of your project.
- 🌀 **Free Business Sector Workshops & Networking Events** designed specifically to meet the needs of business sector organisations
- 🌀 **Free Detailed Energy Survey** where necessary

Through this support we can help your business **reduce energy output** and **save money**.

More on Grants...

For individual projects, you can receive a grant for up to **40%** of the total eligible project costs from the Low Carbon Dorset fund.

Typically, grants will be available:

- Up to **£7,500** for standard energy efficiency measures
- Up to **£150,000** for larger more complex low carbon projects
- Up to **£40k** towards the development of new low carbon product or practice

Who We Support

To receive support from Low Carbon Dorset, your organisation must be located within Dorset (including Bournemouth and Poole) and must be:

A legally constituted **Small and Medium Sized Enterprise (SME)** or **new start-ups** (not individuals or sole traders) that are located and operate within the County of Dorset (including Bournemouth and Poole).

Your organisation is classified as a **Small or Medium Sized Enterprise (SME)** if:

You are an enterprise

and

Your staff headcount (full time equivalent) is less than 250

and

Either your annual turnover is less than 50 million Euros **or** your balance sheet is less than 43 million Euros

These ceilings apply to the figures for individual firms only. A firm that is part of larger group may need to include staff headcount/turnover/balance sheet data from that group too.

Types of Project

Low carbon technologies can offer your business a great opportunity to reduce energy consumption, and improve competitiveness and profitability.

What types of projects can we support?

Standard energy efficiency measures

e.g. insulation measures, boilers, lighting upgrades, motor and drives, voltage optimisation, double glazing, variable speed drives, compressed air systems

Small scale renewable energy installations (up to 5MW)

e.g. Biomass boilers, Renewable Heat (ground, air and water source heat pumps), On-shore wind, Marine energy, Solar PV, Small Scale Hydro.

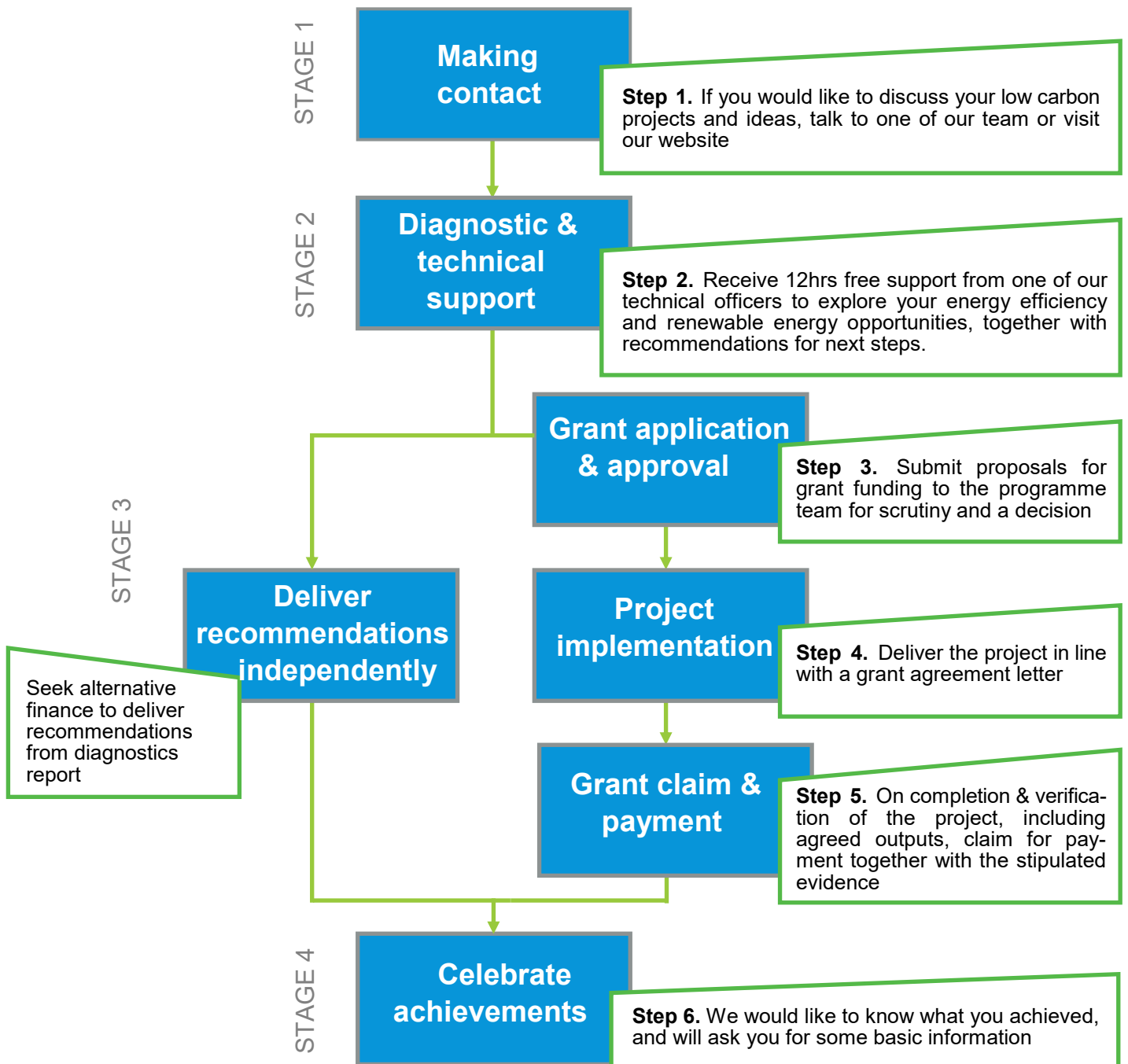
Use of innovative or new technologies & approaches that reduce energy consumption in your business.

Development of new products or processes which help reduce carbon emissions

e.g. proving concepts, research, marketing

How to Apply

Access support from Low Carbon Dorset by following these simple steps:



Get in Touch

Our team of carbon reduction experts is here to support you.

To find out more about the Programme and how it can help your business, or to discuss your low carbon projects and ideas, get in touch via one of these channels:

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