

## What makes a strong Green Economy Fund Application? Helpful hints and tips summary

### Strong Applications will:

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Align closely with the scheme **funding criteria**

Have a **clear vision**

Demonstrate a clear path to achieving its aims

Have a **good solid business case**

Have **matched funding**

Show **ongoing management** clearly defined and in place

Demonstrate **long term sustainability and a clear path to financial sustainability**

### We expect the following minimum criteria to be met:

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An **experienced project manager must be assigned** to manage the project.

Projects ***should*** be able to be able to **complete by March 2020**

All applications should have a match funding contribution.

Demonstrate **value for money** through a defined formal procurement process or benchmarked rates for project partners

Project must **demonstrate a strong link to the energy sector**

The projects should be able to **run independently** with little input from SPEN

Projects must be based in the SP Energy Networks area in Scotland and the applicant's team must have a majority Scottish footprint

There must be **clear additionality** demonstrating the need for funding

Projects must have tangible, '**on the ground**' outcomes within the funding period.

## Application Assessment:

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Projects will also be ranked on the following key impacts with each of the elements of the criteria receiving a weighting or scoring:

Must **reduce carbon emissions**.

Funding **should lead to social benefits**, with income generated being put towards activity with good social outcomes.

**Support local economic growth** for examples leading to new jobs and businesses across Scotland.

**Support energy projects** whether this is through tackling fuel poverty, innovation around energy systems, low carbon transport and low carbon heating of our homes and buildings.

**Lead to learning outcomes** which will further the fund aims.

**Demonstrate additionality** - The Green Economy Fund will support projects where there is clear need for the funding (and funding cannot be found elsewhere).

Be well **planned with a good project team** that can show how the project can be delivered by March 2020.

N.B Please remember to look at your EOI feedback and content from the workshops.

Wishing everyone the best of luck!

Green Economy Fund Team