

Biomass for Business Support Measures

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In Partnership with;
Aberdeenshire Council
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- UK Energy Review - 2006
- Biomass Action Plan for Scotland - March 2007
- Woodfuel Task Force Report - January 2008
- FREDS Renewable Heat Report - February 2008
- Woodfuel Task Force Response - May 2008

Main Sources of Funding

- Scotland Rural Development Programme
- Scottish Communities and Householders Renewables Initiative
 - Loans
 - Grants from Industry
 - Tax Relief
 - Low Carbon Building Programme

Scottish Rural Development Programme - SRDP

Forestry and Farm Businesses

- Supported for boiler technology rated up to **250kw** for their own consumption.
- Forestry grant rate: 40% non - Less Favoured Area
50% LFA
- Farm Business: 40% non - LFA (50% for young Farmers)
50% LFA (60% for Young Farmers)

Scottish Rural Development Programme - SRDP

Rural communities and small scale business - Non-Land Based

- Micro renewable energy systems (up to 50kW or **45kW for heat**).
- **Supported up to 50% of costs** for biomass technology, i.e boilers.
- Installation must be by accredited installer (on greenbooklive.com).
- If in a Smoke Control Area, an exempt appliance is required.

Scottish Rural Development Programme - SRDP

- **What is Supported?**
 - Purchase and installation of biomass technology
 - Automated wood fuel boilers/Gasifiers
 - Control Unit
 - Ancillary Equipment - Accumulator tanks etc.
 - Construction or development of infrastructure
 - Boiler house/Fuel Store
 - Access
 - Specialist equipment
 - Specialist harvesting and processing equipment
 - Quality Assurance equipment
 - Supply chain equipment (of a specialist nature)
 - Dryers, chippers, pelletisers
 - Adaptations to standard equipment
 - Set up costs

Other Business Incentives

- **Business Loans**

- Loan Action Scotland – Administered by The Business Environment Partnership
- Loan Action Scotland allows businesses to borrow between £5,000 and £100,000 interest-free and repayable up to 4 years and would be used to help your business to reduce its energy consumption, saving both money and CO2.
- Same as the Carbon Trust Energy Efficiency Loans Scheme.

- **Business Tax Reductions**

- Enhanced Capital Allowances
- Enhanced Capital Allowances (ECAs) enable a business to claim 100% first-year capital allowances on their spending on qualifying plant and machinery - i.e some boiler equipment and CHP units.

Community Group/Business/Charity Options

- **Scottish Communities and Householders Renewables Initiative (SCHRI)**
 - Communities can apply for Technical grants of up to £10,000.
 - Capital grants of up to £100,000 for capital expenditure on installing renewable technology.
- **LEADER**
 - Through SRDP, LEADER is aimed at promoting economic and community development within rural areas.
- **Community Grants**
 - **Community Sustainable Energy Programme (CSEP)**
 - The Community Sustainable Energy Programme will provide £8 million to community-based organisations for the installation of microgeneration technologies.
 - **E.ON SOURCE Fund**
 - The SOURCE Fund offers grants of up to £30,000 to community groups and not for profit organisations who wish to consider and implement sustainable energy projects.

Domestic

- **Scottish Communities and Householders Renewables Initiative**
 - Householders: 30% of cost to max £4,000 per renewable - max 2 renewables.
- **BERR – Low Carbon Building Programme**
 - Householders can apply for grants of up to £2,500 per property towards the cost of installing a certified product, this scheme has been extended for applications until June 2010 or as long as funds are available, which ever is sooner.

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- Use Wood Fuel - usewoodfuel.co.uk
- Biomass Energy Centre - biomassenergycentre.org.uk
- Forestry Commission - forestry.gov.uk
- Forest Research - forestresearch.gov.uk
- Energy Saving Trust (SCHRI) - energysavingtrust.org.uk
- SRDP - scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP