

Net Zero Fund Project Selection Criteria

Project scope

Projects must fall into one these three types:

1. Energy efficiency capital improvements in buildings. With a focus on domestic or community owned buildings.
 - Insulation including loft, wall and underfloor
 - Draught proofing
 - Double or triple glazing windows
 - Heating controls
 - Heating system components as part of a section 2 technology installation
 - Passivhaus standard measures

2. Low and zero emission renewable heating systems and micro- to small-scale renewable power generation (where that power is predominantly designed for use on site). With a focus on domestic or community owned buildings.
 - Heat pumps
 - Electric heating systems
 - Biomass
 - Solar water heating
 - Solar PV*
 - Battery storage*
 - Non fossil fuel combined heat and power*
 - Thermal energy stores
 - Non fossil fuel heat networks

*surplus energy generation can be exported to grid

Please note that we cannot fund:

- Renewable power projects designed more for energy export and revenue generation than onsite energy use. This includes wind turbines, hydro turbines, larger solar PV systems and other generation technologies not listed in Section 2.

Please note for sections 1 and 2: Public sector and local authority buildings are eligible for support only if they can demonstrate the services it provides to the community (value), risks or impacts of not completing improvements and explain why it's not being funded using the authorities budget.

Please note that we cannot fund:

- Funding for teaching equipment or other aids
- Academic research projects
- Pre-commercialisation projects

3. Electric vehicle transport vehicles and infrastructure

- Electric vehicles for community transport purposes. Car to minibus level.
- EV chargers for community (public) use and community transport organisation use.
- Ebikes and ebike infrastructure for community use

Please note that we cannot fund:

- Vehicles for commercial transport use including taxis and buses

Net Zero skills and supply chain development

Please note that the following Net Zero skills development can be included only as part of a project project(s) listed in Sections 1, 2 and 3 and needs to demonstrate how it will maximise impact for local communities.

- Upskilling or training of community members where the benefit is retained within the community. It can include energy efficiency and fuel poverty advice training.
- Training courses for local small businesses and tradespersons to support the local net zero supply chain. This can support the existing local workforce or lead to the creation of net zero jobs within a community.
- Apprenticeship costs (including apprentice salaries) for local small businesses to support the local net zero supply chain.