

## FAQs

<p><b>What types of projects will the Fund support?</b></p>	<p>The fund seeks to provide aid for any type of project that delivers against the aims and priorities set out in the Marches Energy Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smart control and mitigation of grid constraints</li> <li>• Innovation in agricultural technologies</li> <li>• Sufficient reliable energy supply</li> <li>• Development of the supply chain in key areas of the low carbon economy</li> <li>• Local renewable energy supply</li> <li>• Addressing high levels of fuel poverty</li> </ul> <p>Renewable Energy Generation. A renewable energy project should seek to increase installed capacity of renewable energy generation in the Marches. This does not require export to the grid if constraints exist.</p> <p>Energy Efficiency. In terms of efficiency the project should seek to address specific identified needs such as insulation / car clubs / items that inspire change.</p>
<p><b>What types of projects will the Fund NOT support</b></p>	<p>The Fund is not looking to support the development of fossil fuel projects. The delivery of feasibility studies or revenue activity are also not covered by this Fund.</p>
<p><b>Who can apply?</b></p>	<p>Any constituted body can apply for the Marches Energy Fund. This could include an SME, Community Energy Group, or Local Authority. A consortium approach may also be taken. One partner should take the lead role in the application, and this body will be contracted to deliver the project on behalf of the consortium.</p>
<p><b>How much funding is available?</b></p>	<p>The Fund is worth £4m. Projects can apply for funding between £100,000 and £2m.</p>
<p><b>What is the level of aid Intensity?</b></p>	<p>The Fund will supply up to 80% of the eligible costs. The applicant should look to provide 20% match funding.</p>
<p><b>What Outputs are expected?</b></p>	<p>The outputs from an individual application are likely to vary and be dependent on the priority being tackled. However, it is expected that a project would be able to deliver against a number of metrics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• kWp installed capacity, number of new sites, or annual generation.</li> <li>• Estimated Greenhouse Gas Savings (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)</li> <li>• Total Energy (kWh) Savings</li> <li>• Total freed-up capacity (kWp)</li> <li>• Number of households brought out of fuel poverty (#)</li> <li>• Innovative New Products Created (#)</li> <li>• Number of enterprises receiving support (#)</li> <li>• Number of jobs created in Low Carbon Goods &amp; Services sector (#)</li> <li>• Number of new learners assisted (#)</li> </ul>
<p><b>What are the eligible costs?</b></p>	<p>Eligible costs can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Tangible assets' or</li> <li>• 'Intangible assets'</li> </ul>
<p><b>Who will make the decisions?</b></p>	<p>The final decision for grant funding will be made by the LEP Board and its project risk and management committee (PRMC), through</p>

	<p>delegated authority, based on recommendations of the Energy Commissioning Group. This is comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marches LEP Chair</li> <li>• Marches LEP PRMC Chair (VCS, Representative)</li> <li>• Marches LEP Energy Champion</li> <li>• Marches LEP Board Members – Ensuring geographical representation for each Local Authority Area (Private Sector, Representative).</li> </ul> <p>They will be supported by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marches LEP Team – LEP Chief Executive, LEP Senior Regional Energy Project Officer</li> <li>• Accountable Body – LEP Treasurer or Deputy 151 (Public Sector, Representative)</li> <li>• Assistant Director/Area Lead, Cities and Local Growth Unit (Observer)</li> </ul>
<b>Question Weighting</b>	<p>All of the questions in the EOI have been given equal weighting for the assessment process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Match Funding</li> <li>• Project Deliverability</li> <li>• Energy Strategy Priorities</li> <li>• Project outputs (relating to energy strategy)</li> <li>• Project management</li> </ul>
<b>Timetable</b>	<p>There is a tight timeframe for the EOIs. Call opens w/c 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 for Expressions of Interest. Initial call remains open for 4 weeks.</p> <p>Full applications to be received by 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.</p>
<b>Further Questions</b>	<p>If you have any further questions, please contact <a href="mailto:tim.yair@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">tim.yair@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a></p>