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Local Energy Challenge Fund

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About Us



Community and
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Scheme (CARES)



Local Energy Scotland is a consortium of



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- Increase local benefit from renewable energy
- Provides
 - Advice and support
 - Grants and loans
- Supports
 - Communities
 - Rural businesses
 - Local authorities, housing associations, charities etc.



CARES – locally owned



- Start up grants up to £10k.
- Access to pre-planning loans up to £150k with write-off facility
- Toolkits & financial models
- Hand-holding and knowledge sharing



CARES – shared ownership



- Advice and support
- Start up grants (up to £20k)
- Framework contracts
- CARES loan - development costs
- Partnership with REIF & National Forest Estate
- Community investment toolkit
- Partnership portal (coming soon)



CARES – community benefit



- Scottish Governments Community Benefit Register.
- Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits.
- Advice to communities
- Start up grant (up to £10k)



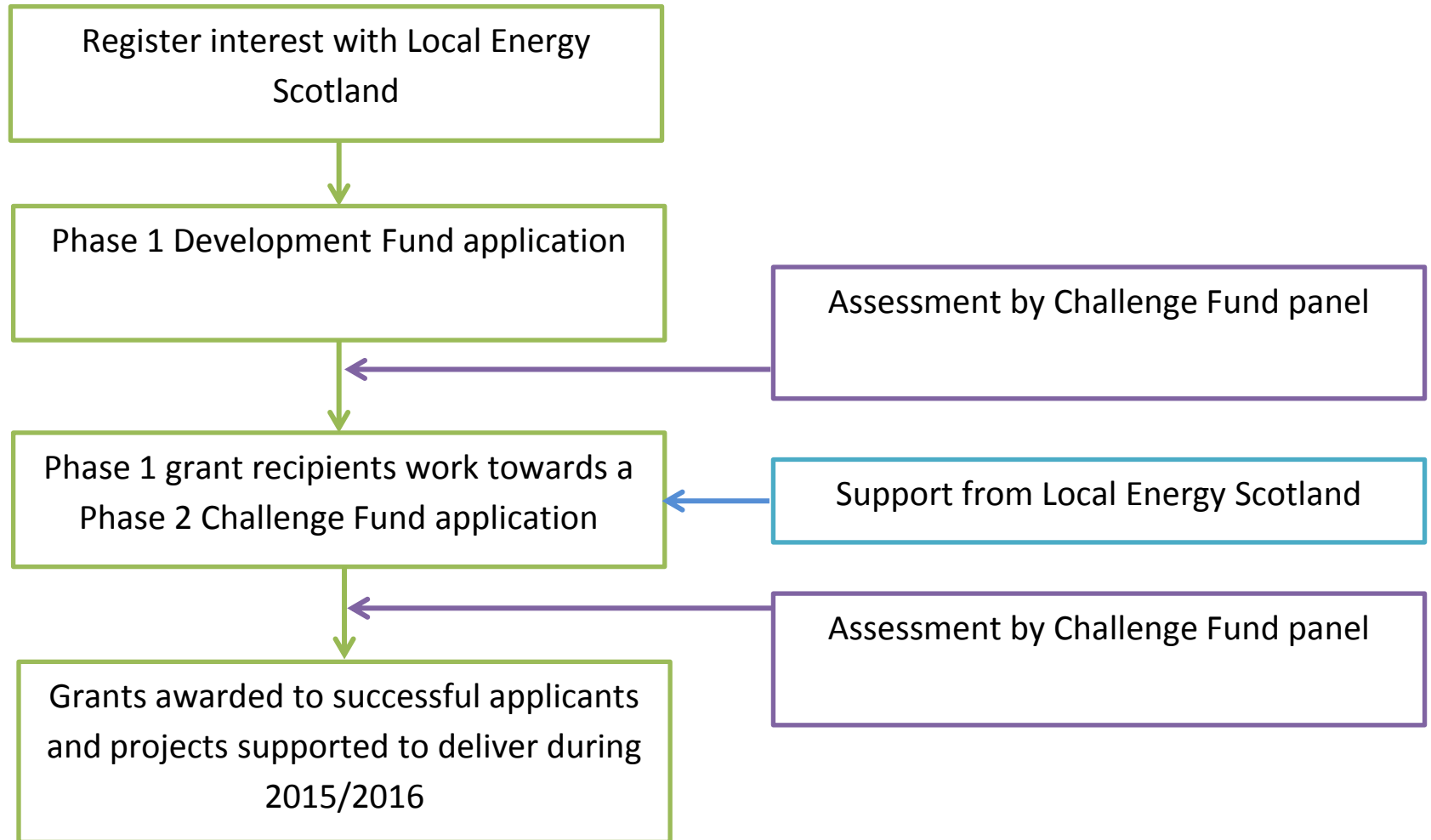
CARES – Local Energy Challenge Fund



- Launched by the Scottish Government 18th August
- New £20 million stream of CARES
- Major demonstrator projects providing transformative and innovative local energy solutions
- Support local energy economy approach i.e. link local energy demand and supply.
- Demonstrate partnership and collaborative working
- Electricity, heat, transport
- Wider eligibility including private sector
- Builds on the CARES Infrastructure Innovation Fund (IIF)

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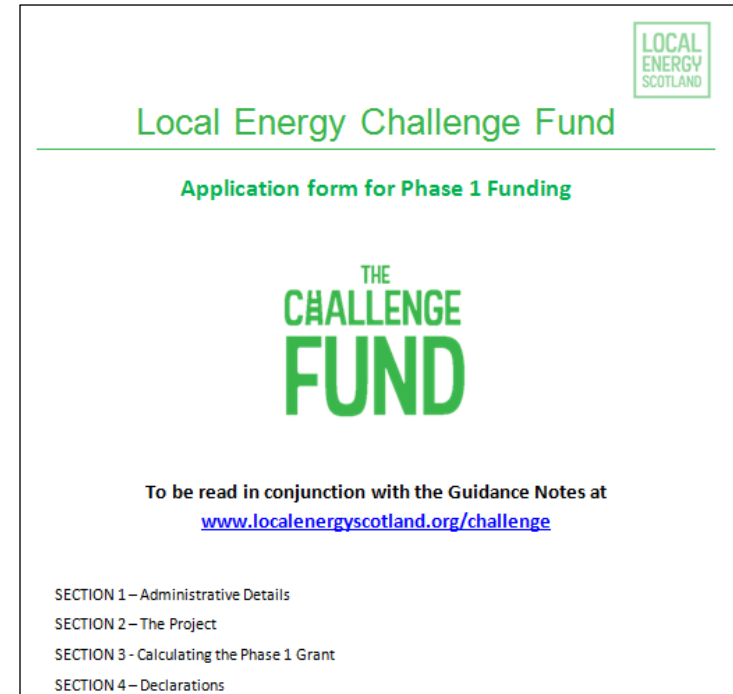
Challenge Fund - process



Phase 1 applications



- Simple application form
- Set out the vision for your project
- particularly welcome applications that are transformative and/or demonstrate new and innovative approaches
- Submit by 10th October
- Up to £30k development grants available to progress to Phase 2
- Handholding through Local Energy Scotland
- Around 20 projects supported
- ONLY projects approved under Phase 1 can develop a phase 2 application



Phase 2 applications



- Only Phase 1 approved projects can apply
- Phase 2 applications supported by Local Energy Scotland – grants and hand holding
- Grants and loans between £1 million and £6 million
- Around 4-6 projects awarded funds
- Need partner(s) for phase 2
- Notified under General Block Exemption Regulations – structure budget to maximize grant intervention rates
- Scottish Government funds to be spent by April 2016

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Local Energy Challenge fund - timescales



Provisional Date	Stage
10 th Oct 14	Application deadline for Phase 1 Challenge Fund applications
10 th - 15 th Oct 14	Review and appraisal of the Phase 1 Development applications by Local Energy Scotland
17 th Oct 14	Phase 1 application pack issued to the Challenge Fund Panel
27 th , & 28 th Oct 2014	Phase 1 Panel Meeting
3 rd Nov 14	Award 10-20 projects Phase 1 funding to work up Phase 2 Challenge Fund Applications
6 th Feb 15	Phase 2 Local Energy Challenge Fund Applications submitted
w/c 9 th Feb 15	Review and appraisal of the Challenge Fund applications
13 th Feb 15	Phase 2 application pack issued to the Challenge Fund Panel
w/c 23 rd Feb	Phase 2 Panel Meeting –Includes presentations from applicants
9 th March 2015	2- 6 Local Challenge Fund projects awarded funds
31 st March 2016	Scottish Government grant funds spent

Local Energy Challenge Fund - examples of projects



- Demand-side management to maximise local energy production.
- Linking local generation to local district heating scheme.
- Smart electric vehicle charging system linked to local generation.
- Alternative low carbon marine transport.
- Energy storage.
- Hydrogen injection into gas grid or for sustainable transport.
- Consortia approaches to sharing grid costs.
- Local finance to retain local value.
- Local energy master-planning.
- Integrated energy efficiency.

Guidance



www.localenergyscotland.org/challenge

- ▶ Challenge Fund - How to Apply
- ▶ State Aid Information
- ▶ Case Studies and Inspiration
- ▶ Application Documents
- ▶ Frequently Asked Questions

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The opportunity



- Linked to the Local Energy Economy vision outlined in the Scottish Governments Community Energy Policy Statement
- Ambitious demonstrator projects that leads to change
- Opportunity to link up energy supply and demand to transform Scotland's energy use.
- Criteria is wide and unconstrained to allow creative ideas from a range of stakeholders
- Demonstrator projects will influence future Scottish Government support
- Must apply through Phase 1 - allows grant funding and support for phase 2 applications.
- Review the website and guidance notes

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