

Energy Project Enabling Fund 2

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Housekeeping

- This webinar will be recorded
- Please remain on mute if you're not speaking
- Time for questions at the end
- Questions can be put in the chat function during the presentation and Laura will do her best to answer them

Local Net Zero Hubs

- Five Local Net Zero Hubs across England – North East & Yorkshire, North West, Midlands, Greater South East and South West
- Funded and directed as part of the Local Net Zero Programme within The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (The Department)
- Aim to accelerate & realise local energy/ net zero ambitions
- Building capacity - including funding of local capacity support
- A forum to aid understanding local energy/ net zero activity

The North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub

- The North East and Yorkshire (NEY) Net Zero Hub is at the centre of the region's ambitious efforts to drive a low-carbon, clean-growth future.
- Our Hub combines six Combined Authorities (CAs) and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in the region, bringing local authorities, businesses, organisations and communities together to help us achieve our goals.
- A Net Zero Hub Manager and small core team are based in Tees Valley Combined Authority with a Hub funded Energy Project Manager based in each of our six CA/LEP areas, driving the transition to a zero carbon economy with ambitious energy strategy and innovative project delivery.



NEY Net Zero Hub Geography and Partners



- North East**
Local Enterprise Partnership
- TEES VALLEY**
- York & North Yorkshire LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP**
- HEY** Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority**
- SOUTH YORKSHIRE MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY**

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- £525,000 investment scheme providing both revenue and capital funding – funding split across two separate streams
- Development Tranche – £250,000*
- Delivery Tranche - £275,000*
- Supports the development and delivery of energy projects across the NEY NZ Hub region
- Successful projects should be completed and all funds claimed by 31st March 2024
- Requirement of a minimum 30% match of overall project value
- Applications must demonstrate compliance with UK Subsidy Control requirements



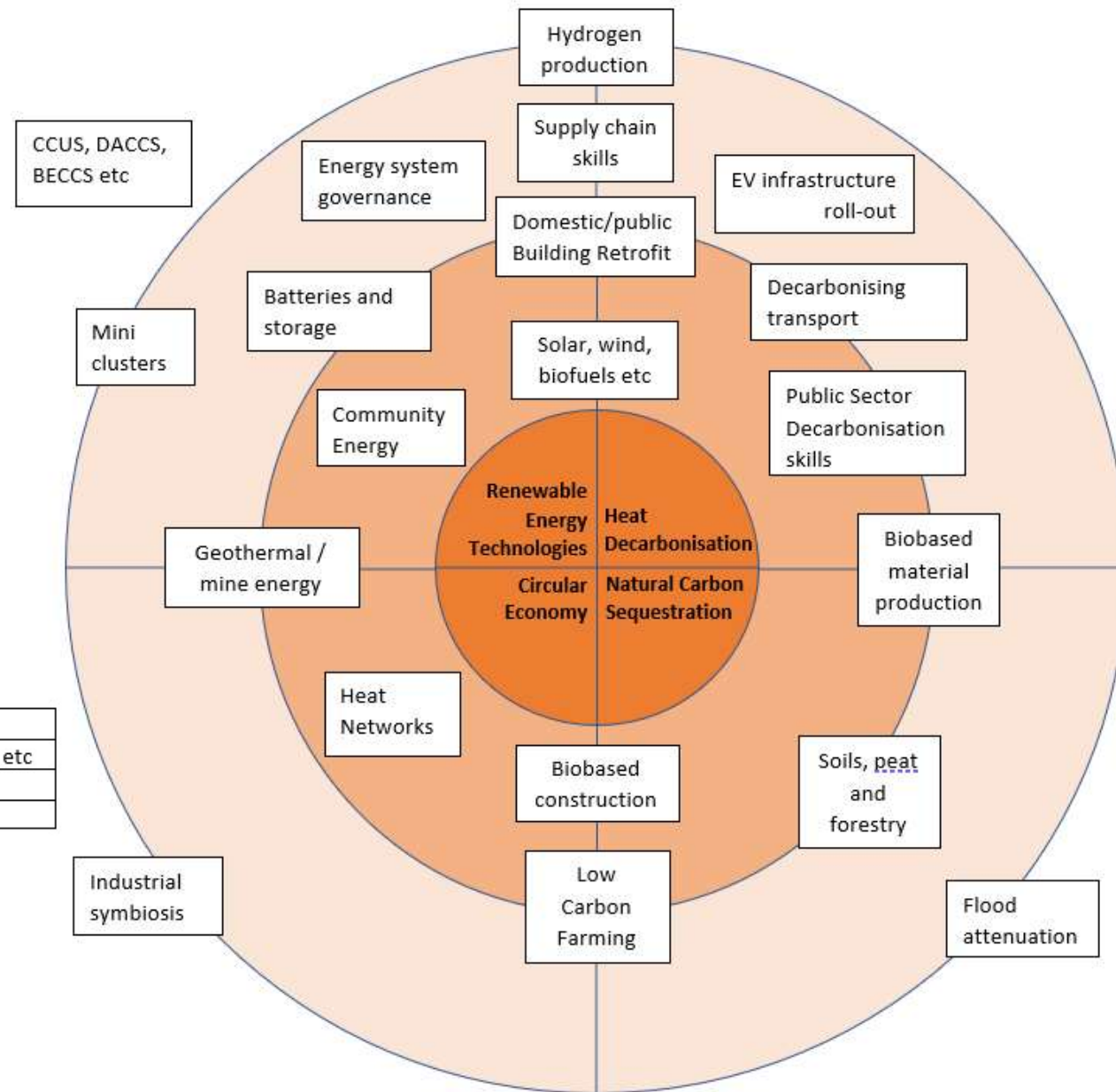
Match Funding

- All projects expected to provide a minimum of 30% match of the total project costs.
- This applies to both development and delivery applications.
- Preference is that match comes from organisation reserves, bank funding, crowd funding, etc.
- If you intend to use pre-existing grant funding from a different source, please ensure that this is permitted within the guidelines of that grant funding. If you're unsure, please query with the grant provider and the Hub.

Hub Strategic Priorities

Key:

	Strategic Priority themes
	Tier 1 scope – direct involvement, project development, programme delivery etc
	Tier 2 scope – policy influence, brokering and connecting for local benefit
	Out of scope – Awareness only



Eligibility

All applicants, funding invested, and associated outputs must be located within the NEY Net Zero Hub's geography.

The following organisations are eligible to apply*:

- Public Sector (incl. LAs, CAs, NHS, etc)
- Schools and Education Providers
- Charities/Third Sector
- Community Groups
- Parish Councils
- Faith Groups

*subject to compliance with UK Subsidy Control Regulations

All projects must directly deliver at least one of the Hub's strategic priorities.

Development Funding - Overview

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- Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 available
- Development stream grants aimed at preparing projects for delivery
- Overarching output – a project that is investment ready by 31st March 2024
- EPEF will not fund feasibility studies – expectation that this has already been completed prior to application



Development Funding – Eligible Costs

- Site surveys
- Planning application fees
- Grid DNO application costs
- Legal fees
- Professional/consultancy fees
- Project management fees
- Project development costs (as agreed by the NZ Hub)
- Financial and Business Case development
- Internal labour costs only where there is a compelling case and the market is not able to supply or provide value. If supported, this would be at base salary rate



Delivery Funding - Overview

- Grants of between £50,000 - £100,000 available for the delivery of energy projects
- At least one of the priority targets must be achieved by the project:
 - CO2 savings achieved
 - Installed energy generation technology
 - Installed energy storage technology
 - Follow-on investment/commercial leverage
- Projects may also achieve ancillary targets of creating or safeguarding jobs

Delivery Funding – Eligible Costs

- Equipment, plant, and machinery
- Low carbon/renewable energy technology installations
- Groundworks/building works and other necessary preparation works
- Site surveys, mitigations or other abnormal costs associated with project construction or installation
- Internal labour costs only where there is a compelling case and the market is not able to supply or provide value. If supported, this would be at base salary rate



Case Study Requirement

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- If your application is successful, the North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub will require you to provide a detailed case study of your project, alongside your final claim, describing how the funds were used and the impact they had.
- A template for this case study will be provided.
- Case studies will help the Hub to assess the successes of the grant, showcase the carbon reduction work in the region, and compile lessons 'learnt' which can be used to benefit future projects.



Timescales

- The second round of the Energy Project Enabling Fund will be open for applications from 03/05/23
- This fund will close for applications on 16/06/23
- The appraisal process will take place between 19/06/23 and 04/08/23.
- Recommended projects will be presented to the Hub Board during the August Board meeting - week commencing 07/08/23.
- Successful applicants will be notified by no later than 18/08/23.

How to Apply

- All programme documentation will be published on the NEY Net Zero Hub's website: [Energy Project Enabling Fund - North East & Yorkshire Net Zero Hub \(neynetzerohub.com\)](https://neynetzerohub.com)
- Please read the full guidance document for the relevant tranche (development/delivery) before you apply.
- Any queries and completed application forms can be sent to enquiries@NEYnetzerohub.com
- All applications must be received by midnight on 16/06/2023.
- We're expecting a lot of interest, so please ensure all applications are high quality and projects are ready to deliver.

Any questions?

