Camden Climate Fund Business Stream Webinar

Wednesday 20th August Online 12pm - 1pm



Camden Climate Alliance



Agenda

Time	Item				
12.00	Welcome				
12.05	Introduction to the Camden Climate Fund	Maggie Tapa			
12.10	Business Grant Overview What is the business grant stream & eligibility criteria	Climate Partnerships Lead			
12.15	Application Process Pre-app advice, assessment criteria & what you need to apply	Stephen Walters Sustainability Officer			
12.20	Tips for your application	Maggie Tapa Climate Partnerships Lead			
12.25	Case study video				
12.30	Q&A	All			
12.45	Wrap-up & close				



What is the Camden Climate Fund?



- The Camden Climate Fund (CCF) launched in 2017 provides funding support to residents, business and communities in the borough to deliver projects that reduce emissions in Camden
- The fund is financed by Camden's carbon offset payments, which are collected from developers when they fall short of the Mayor of London's Carbon Reduction target for Major developments in Camden
- The CCF's fourth phase is open and accepting applications until November 2025



2021 CCF Recipient – Contemporary Dance Trust LED Lighting install



Camden Climate Fund – Fund Overview

Business

Up to £15,000 match-funding SME's, or up to £5,000 for micro-entities for energy efficiency or low-carbon heating upgrades

Community energy

Up to £50,000 match-funding for community energy projects, and up to £5,000 for feasibility works

Camden Climate Fund Grant Streams

Household

Up to £15,000 match-funding for energy efficiency works or low-carbon heating upgrades

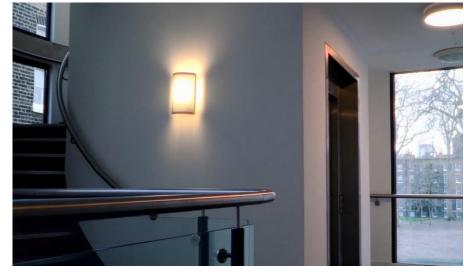
Climate action

Up to £10,000 for community groups to deliver local projects that deliver carbon reduction potential



Business Fund – Overview

- Grants are available to small to medium businesses to help them install energy efficiency measures and renewable energy technologies
- Eligible measures include:
 - Energy efficiency: LED lighting upgrades, Insulation
 - Renewables: Solar PV, Solar Thermal, low-carbon heating upgrades e.g Air Source Heat Pumps
- As part of Phase 4 of the fund we increased the amount from £10,000 to £15,000 – increasing the support available to businesses recognising the important role businesses have to play and the increasing cost of retrofit



2025 CCF Recipient – Matrix Chambers LED Lighting install



Business Fund Eligibility

There are two funding routes available:



Tier A: Small to Micro-Entities

- Turnover of £10m or less
- Less than 50 employees
- Measures installed at premise located within the borough of Camden
- Member of the <u>Camden Climate Alliance</u>

Up to £5,000 - no match-fund required

Tier B: Small to Medium businesses

- Turnover of less than £25m
- Less than 250 employees
- Measures installed at premise located within the borough of Camden
- Member of the <u>Camden Climate Alliance</u>

Up to £15,000 to cover up to 50% of the costs



Business Fund – Eligible Works

The business grants can fund works recommended in either:

Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

- Shows energy efficiency of a building on a scale from A (high) to G (low)
- Includes recommendations to improve building efficiency

Energy Audit / Recommendation report

- Provides a more detailed assessment of the building
- Identifies targeted measures for saving energy and reducing emissions









Energy performance certificate (EPC)

Certificate contents

- Rules on letting this property
- Energy rating and score
- How this property compares to others
- Breakdown of this property's energy performance
- Recommendation report
- Who to contact about this certificate
- Other certificates for this property

Share this certificate

Energy rating
Certificate number
8366-7257-7862-1169-7898
Offices and Workshop Businesses
7,612 square metres

Recommendations Changes that may pay for themselves within 3 to 7 years Recommendation Potential impact on carbon emissions Some walls have uninsulated cavities - introduce cavity Medium wall insulation. Changes that may pay for themselves in over 7 years Recommendation Potential impact on carbon emissions Consider installing building mounted wind turbine(s). Low

1.3 Energy Saving Opportunities

Six opportunities have been identified that can be implemented at

Opportunities 1 to 3 will require a total capital expenditure of approximately £115 and combined, they could reduce the building's energy use by 0.7%, resulting in savings of ~£280 per year and 0.5 tCO₂e (in 2022).

All opportunities combined will require a total capital expenditure of approximately £365,000 and combined, they could reduce the building's energy use by 41.8%, resulting in an increase in energy costs of ~£320 per year and a reduction of 15.3 tCO₂e (in 2022).

Measure	Estimated savings			% energy savings	Lifetime carbon savings	Cost	Payback period
	Energy saving (kWh/yr)	Cost saving (£/year)	Carbon saving (tCO ₂ e) (year 1)	% kWh saving	tCO ₂ e (over 15 yrs)	£	Years
Ensure server room cooling setpoint is suitable	200	£50	Negligible	0.1%	0.3	-	Instant
2. Utilise timer controls on Ziptap	1,000	£200	0.2	0.5%	1.2	£15	0.1 years
3. Utilise timer controls on drinks fridge (fridge manager)	200	£30	Negligible	0.1%	0.2	£100	3.3 years
4. Install LED lighting with intelligent controls	9,300	£1,900	1.8	4.5%	11.6	£20,000	10.6 years

Measures are sequenced so that each action builds on the previous one



Business Fund

Application process

Optional: EOI

Expression of Interest form available on Commonplace

If applicable, applicant receives EOI reference number and is referred to freepre app service

Application form

If project is ready for delivery, submit application form

Submit key documentation incl. energy audit, quotes and approvals

Grant awarded

If successful, grant agreement awarded and signed by recipient

Grant agreement sets out grant conditions/ payment terms

Complete works

Project delivered or works completed and evidence of work or milestone completed provided incl. photos, invoice or certificates

Grant paid

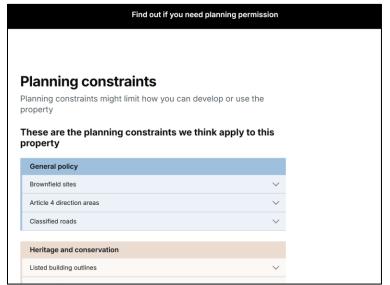
Agreed grant award paid to applicant



Free planning advice for Camden Climate Fund projects

- Plan X free online tool available to check if you need planning permission and see what planning considerations apply
- Free pre-planning application advice service – if your project does require planning permission, Camden's planning team can advise on whether your project is likely to be approved and suggest changes before you apply







Assessment Criteria

- Projects are assessed on carbon savings: higher CO₂e savings → higher chance of approval and funding
- Lower cost per tonne = better value for money
- Effectiveness varies by measure and location choose actions that deliver the biggest impact





What you'll need to apply

As part of your application, you must submit the following:

- ☐ Contact name and phone number
- ☐ Company information status and annual turnover
- ☐ **Property details** owned, leased or rented and current energy usage If leased/rented you must provide written permission from your landlord
- ☐ Project details the measures you wish to install
- ☐ Energy audit or EPC
- Quotes for the works, exclusive of VAT (at least two quotes)
- ☐ **Estimated energy savings** (kWh or CO2e saving if available in your EPC or energy audit)
- ☐ You must also be a member of the Camden Climate Alliance (if not already)

All applications should be submitted on Commonplace: https://camdenclimatefund.commonplace.is/





Application Tips – Project Planning & Prioritisation



- Remember there is a limit of **one application every five years**.

 If applying for multiple measures, include them in a single application
- Let us know if you're using any other public funding as part of your project's match funding
- Give a brief overview of your organisation's sustainability story: what you aim to achieve with the funding?

Application Tips – Quotes & Contractors



Provide at least two itemised quotes for the same measures (but ideally three)



Offer a rationale/ justification for your chosen contractor (e.g. lowest cost, or if not, why?)



Share any relevant information you shared with the contractor (window / roof space dimensions, images, etc.)



Installers for renewable projects must be MSC certified



We want to see projects succeed, feel free to contact us for support at any point via:

camdenclimatefund@camden.gov.uk



Case-study: Doughty Street Chambers



- Doughty Street Chambers is a barrister chambers based in Camden
- In 2024, they received £10,000 in funding to support the installation of Solar PV buildings, saving an estimated 4,219kg of CO2e annually
- Watch the video to learn more: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdsaCl4Kkxk









Application deadlines

- Applications are being accepted and awarded until 1 November 2025
- You should receive a decision on your application within two weeks
- Applications will re-open again in early 2026

More information can be found on: https://camdenclimatefund.commonplac e.is/



2025 CCF Recipient – WAC Arts Solar PV



Useful Links

MCS Database

MCS sets and maintains standards for low carbon technologies

Use this database if you need to find a Solar PV or Heat pump installer

https://mcscertified.com/find-an-installer/



Trustmark

Government endorsed database to help you find accredited energy assessors or contractors

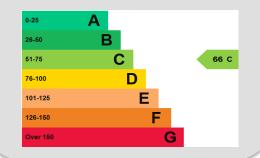
https://www.trustmark.org.uk/



EPC Register

All certificates are publicly available on the GOV.UK website:

https://www.gov.uk/findenergy-certificate



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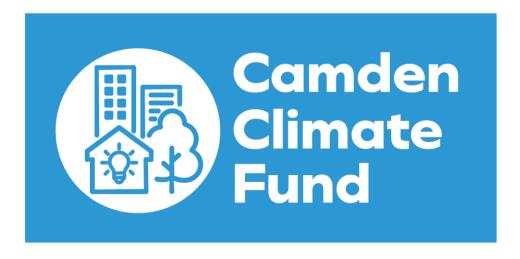
Sustainability network for businesses based in Camden – access to trainings, events, sustainability certifications and more:

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Question & Answer Session



Thank you!

- Email any questions to <u>camdenclimatefund@camden.gov.uk</u>
- Access tools, guidance and recordings of past trainings on the Camden Climate Alliance website:
 - https://www.camdenclimatealliance.org.uk/





