**Application form for Businesses/Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)**

Please complete this form if you are interested in receiving support under the Low Carbon Dorset programme. We will use the information you supply to assess your eligibility and how we could help you.

Subsidy Control: The Low Carbon Dorset programme is provided through the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund and must comply with the UK rules on aid. This form asks for some basic information about this, but we might need to seek further details from you.

**Your Details**

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| Title: |  |
| First Name: |  |
| Last name: |  |
| Your role in the organisation: |  |
| Telephone number: |  |
| Mobile number: |  |
| Email address (required): |  |

**Organisation Details**

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| Organisation name: |  |
| Organisation address: |  |
| \*Postcode: |  |
| Telephone number: |  |
| Organisation website: |  |

\*Please note we can only work on low carbon energy related projects located in the Dorset Council area – you can check if your premises are in the area [on this UK Government Local Council finder page](https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council)

**Business profile, activities, and structures**

**Brief overview of your business profile and main activities:**

So we can do some quick checks, including to make sure your business is a micro, small or medium enterprise (SME) please answer the following as fully as possible – thank you.

**Please select what type of legal structure your business has:**

[ ]  Private Limited Company [ ]  Public Limited Company [ ]  Limited Liability Partnership

[ ]  Guarantee Company (Not for Profit)

**Number of full-time equivalent staff:**

For information, FTE staff numbers need to be less than 250 employees.

**Turnover in last financial year (£):**

For information, this needs to be less than €50m turnover or less than €43m balance sheet to define SMEs for procurement and grant subsidy activities – (we are checking if the UK Government has changed their definition to a £value)

**Is your business more than 25% owned by another business?** We ask this question because ownership by other businesses, when all the businesses are counted together, might exceed the SME definition thresholds.

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**If yes,** please provide the names of any businesses which own more than 25% of your business:

**Company Registration number (CRN) or Unique Tax Reference (UTR) code (if applicable)**

**Date company was registered:**

**Date trading began (where applicable):**

**Is your business VAT registered? (if yes, please provide VAT number)**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**Energy use**

**Please note:** *If you have more than one location in the Dorset Council area that you would like us to assess, it would be helpful to split out the energy use and costs at each site – thank you.*

**What is your current annual electricity spend and what is it used for?**

**What is your current annual spend on gas and what is it used for?**

**What is your current annual spend on oil and/or LPG and what is it used for?**

**About the support you might need**

**Please tell us the areas you might be interested in (tick all that apply)**

[ ]  Energy efficiency / saving

[ ]  Renewable energy generation

[ ]  Support with all viable low carbon energy options

[ ]  Other (please list)

**Please outline any specific project ideas you already have and explain how far you have developed these**

**If there is anything else you think would be useful to tell us, please use this space**

Subsidy Control

Low Carbon Dorset is provided through the UK Government’s Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) and must comply with rules on Subsidy Control. It is your responsibility to understand the Subsidy Control implication of your application for your organisation. Please confirm below if you have received grants or other support subject to Subsidy Control in this financial year or the previous two financial years (you might also know this as State Aid). If we need more details following your expression of interest, we will let you know. Note that the following (among others) can be classed as subsidies/aid: Grants, loans, tax breaks, including enhanced capital allowances, and the use or sale of a state asset for free or at less than market price

**Has your organisation received any support subject to Subsidy Control in the last three years?**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]  Don’t know

**If you answered Yes, please provide further details (add lines as needed)**

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| Public authority giving the aid | £Value of the aid | Date aid received | Route used to give the aid |
| e.g. Levelling Up funds | e.g. £75,000 | e.g. 08.12.2022 | e.g. Minimal Financial Assistance (similar to de minimis for EU state aid) |
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**Date submitted to Low Carbon Dorset:**

Please return your completed Expression of Interest form to **lowcarbondorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk**