

Advisors Toolkit

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Other Scottish Programmes/Funding

District Heating Loan Fund

Low interest loan scheme for both low carbon and renewable technologies, to support implementation of district heating projects. Unsecured low interest loans of up to £1,000,000 may be available for eligible organisations/projects. Repayment terms may be either 10 or 15 years. Loan terms for larger project will be considered on a case by case basis.

For more information visit:

<https://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/district-heating-loan>

Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) offers a range of financial support to local energy projects. The main funding streams for new applicants are:

- CARES Enablement Grant – Up to £25K where the value of the grant will be capped based on innovation or scheme complexity and can be used to fund feasibility for energy systems or renewable energy projects, investigation of shared ownership opportunities or work to maximise the impact from community benefit association with renewable energy projects.
- CARES Development Loan – Up to £150K (10% interest rate) can be provided for projects with a reasonable chance of success. The loans can include a write-off facility that allows development risk to be mitigated by allowing the applicant to apply to change the loan to a grant should the project be unable progress.
- CARES Innovation Grant – Up to £150K to either fund innovation activity or improve the viability of projects by grant funding elements of the project.

For more information visit: <https://www.localenergy.scot/funding/>

Equity Loan Scheme:

This is part of HEEPS and is currently available in Glasgow, Argyll and Bute, Perth & Kinross, Stirling, Dundee, Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and the Western Isles. Homeowners on low incomes in those areas can apply for an interest-free loan of up to £40,000 to help them make essential repairs to leaking roofs and building structures and install energy efficiency/ renewables measures. (work must be recommended in an EPC or a HES energy report).

The loan will be repaid when the property is sold. If successful, an administration fee of £671 applies.

For more information on eligibility and to find out which measures can be considered, contact Home Energy Scotland- **0808 808 2282** or visit www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/heeps/heeps-equity-loan-scheme