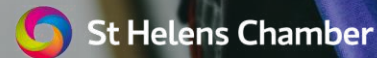
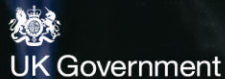


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SKILLS INNOVATION GRANT – APPLICATION GUIDELINES

UK Government Community Renewal Fund
Clean, Green, Advanced Manufacturing Skills for the Future

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SKILLS INNOVATION GRANT

St Helens Chamber is launching the 'Skills Innovation Grant' as part of the Together to Zero initiative. The programme will support local businesses and young people to receive funding and skills training to become greener as part of Liverpool City Region's commitment to become Net Zero carbon by 2040.

The 'Skills Innovation Grant' will provide revenue and capital grants to St Helens and Liverpool City Region located businesses, education, training, and other community-based delivery partners to build capacity and help address current and future employer skills needs in our efforts to achieve Net Zero carbon by 2040 primarily within the clean growth and advanced manufacturing sectors.

It includes up to £135,000 small grants which will see £90,000 awarded to revenue-based activities and £45,000 to capital-based applications.

This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund. The Government has introduced the fund as it prepares for the launch of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in 2022, which will replace EU Structural and Investment Funds. This project received £617,000 in total from the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund, supported by additional St Helens Chamber resources.

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Section 1 – Business Details

This is where you can tell us about your organisation, including your main area of work.

Section 2 – Grant Details

This is where you can tell us the Revenue and / or Capital grant value requested, excluding VAT.

Section 3 – Project Details

In this section we need to know about your project, the number of beneficiaries you will work with, who your beneficiaries are and how your project meets the priority areas and outcomes.

All funded activity must take place by 30 June 2022.

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The Skills Innovation Grants are available for projects that support the following priority areas:

Priority Area: Investment in Skills

- Help equip people with the skills they need to seize new opportunities and ensure their local communities are prosperous and productive. This includes equipping people with the skills they need to capitalise on the opportunities and needs of their local area and meet the needs of an increasingly green economy.
- Innovative projects that address current and emerging local skills needs and are complementary to broader place-based investment.
- Work-based training for example addressing specific local need from local employers for on-the-job training to support local growth, such as taking on trainee builders for a new infrastructure project.
- Retraining, upskilling or reskilling members of the workforce for example helping organisations to identify and understand skills gaps or provide access to financial support for relevant training where the local workforce may require new skills to meet the needs of a local employer or sector and support local economic transitions.
- Contribute to net zero objectives or wider environmental considerations, particularly within the sectors of clean growth or advanced manufacturing.

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The Skills Innovation Grants are available for projects that support the following priority outcomes:

Outcomes: Investment in Skills

- People in education/training following support
- People gaining a qualification following support
- Businesses introducing new products to the market as a result of support
- Businesses introducing new products to the firm as a result of support
- Estimated Carbon dioxide equivalent reductions as a result of support
- Decarbonisation plans developed as a result of support

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Section 5 – Monitoring and Evaluation

This is a pilot grant programme and evaluation is therefore an important element of the programme. We will need you to demonstrate how you have met your project outcomes and detail what tools and methods you will use to gather that information.

Successful applicants will be expected to collect data on the progress of their beneficiaries during the period of the grant so that we can assess the success of the pilot grant programme. Failure to provide monitoring and evaluation data may result in our having to reclaim an amount of any grant made.

Please note that as the programme develops, we may have to ask for additional information, but we will try and keep you up to date.



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