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Biomass Funding Guide 2010

The Forestry Commission and the Humber Rural Partnership (co-ordinated by East Riding of Yorkshire Council) have jointly produced a biomass funding guide for the Yorkshire and the Humber region.

Demand for renewable heat and power is expected to grow further as fossil fuel prices continue to rise, and the emerging biomass sector is well-placed to make a significant contribution to meeting future demand for renewable energy installations.

The funding guide is aimed at developing the local and regional biomass/energy crop sector, by increasing the awareness and take-up of grant support available for woodfuel activities and boiler installations. Fifteen separate funds are identified in the guide, covering a range of available grants for businesses, land and property owners, public sector bodies, and charities/community organisations.

The guide also provides a list of key contacts within the biomass sector, and will be of interest to those;

- Involved in the biomass supply chain already
- Keen to explore new business opportunities and adapt to the uncertainty of climate change
- Considering growing energy crops on their land
- Looking to maximise the potential of their woodland
- Interested in installing biomass heating in their property

A summary of available grants is shown overleaf. For further information, and to download the full funding guide, please see the following:

Humber Rural Partnership:

<http://www.humberruralpartnership.org.uk/ccm/humber-rural/news/humber-rural-partnership-activities.en>

Telephone: 01482 391697 E-mail: humberruralpartnership@eastriding.gov.uk

Forestry Commission (Yorkshire & Humber):

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/forestry.nsf/byunique/infd-82q164>

Telephone: 01904 448778 E-mail: yorkshirehumber.fce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Note: The funding guide does not provide specific information on Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs), Feed-in-Tariffs (FITs) or the proposed Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) payments. Please see www.decc.gov.uk for further information in these areas.

Biomass Grant Funding Summary - June 2010

The following grants are available for biomass activities. Please see the Biomass Funding Guide (Yorkshire & Humber) for further details.

Grants for Woodland Management and Energy Crops Establishment

- English Woodland Grant Scheme (Forestry Commission)
- Energy Crops Scheme (Natural England)

Grants for Equipment, Infrastructure, Training & Development

- Woodfuel Programme for Yorkshire & the Humber (CO2Sense Yorkshire)
- Rural Business Support Programme (Yorkshire Forward/Business Link)
- Rural Enterprise Investment Programme (Yorkshire Forward)
- Farm Resource Efficiency Programme (Yorkshire Forward/CO2 Sense Yorkshire)

Grants for Woodfuel Boilers and Installations

For charitable/community organisations

- Community Sustainable Energy Programme (BRE/Big Lottery Fund)
- EDF Green Energy Fund (EDF Energy)
- E.On Sustainable Energy Fund (E.On)
- Scottish Power Green Energy Trust (Scottish Power)

For community & district heating schemes

- Scottish and Southern Energy CERT Fund (SSE/Consulting with Purpose Ltd)

Grants for Research and Development

- Grants for Research and Development (GRD) Scheme (Yorkshire Forward)
- Industrial R & D Awards (Yorkshire Forward)

Note: the following grant schemes are closed

- Bio-Energy Infrastructure Scheme } currently closed to new applications
- Bio-Energy Capital Grants Scheme }
- Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phases 1 and 2 – the scheme closed in May 2010

Additional Information:

The Carbon Trust delivers the national Biomass Heat Accelerator Programme and also offers interest-free loans for small and medium-sized businesses investing in energy saving products

Enhanced tax relief is also available for businesses investing in qualifying energy-saving equipment – see details of the Enhanced Capital Allowance Scheme at www.eca.gov.uk

The above information is believed to be accurate at the time of printing. However, potential grant applicants should always verify the full terms and conditions of available grant schemes with fund providers. Other grant schemes may be available.



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