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Overview Grant Supports and Options for Hotels & Leisure Centres – SEAI



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Energy Contracting Support Scheme (ECSS)

Purpose

The purpose of this support is to assist businesses and community centers in achieving energy cost savings and CO2 reduction through the implementation of performance-based energy contracts. It aims to provide in-depth audit processes, going beyond traditional desktop audits, and support the development of Investment Grade Design Reports that lead to Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs) or Local Energy Supply Schemes (LESCs).

Eligibility

This support is available to businesses and community centers seeking energy efficiency improvements through performance-based energy contracts. Lawler Sustainability, as a leading provider of Energy Performance Contracts, has extensive expertise in the structure and implementation of such contracts.

Terms

Energy Performance Contracting: Energy performance contracting involves a contractual arrangement between the beneficiary (business or community center) and the provider (ESCO - Lawler Sustainability) for implementing energy efficiency measures. The investment in these measures is paid for based on the agreed level of energy efficiency improvement.

Investment Grade Design Report: An Investment Grade Design Report outlines the scope and details of energy efficiency improvements. It serves as a roadmap for energy reduction and guarantees savings based on its findings.

ECSS Support: The ECSS scheme provides support for Investment Grade Design Reports that lead to EPC arrangements. The level of support offered is up to 75% of €50,000 for an Energy Performance Contract (EPC) or Local Energy Supply Scheme (LESC), or up to 75% of €25,000 for an Energy Performance Guarantee.

Benefits

Enhanced Audit Process: Businesses and community centers receive in-depth audit processes that go beyond traditional desktop audits, ensuring comprehensive energy efficiency assessments.

Performance-Based Contracts: The support enables the implementation of performance-based energy contracts, where energy efficiency improvements are directly linked to financial arrangements.

Investment Grade Design Reports: The support assists in the development of Investment Grade Design Reports, providing a clear roadmap for energy reduction and guaranteed savings.

Financial Assistance: The ECSS scheme offers financial support of up to 75% of eligible costs, making the implementation of Energy Performance Contracts or Energy Performance Guarantees more affordable for businesses and community centers.

Energy Cost Savings and CO2 Reduction: By facilitating energy efficiency improvements, the support contributes to significant energy cost savings and CO2 reduction, promoting sustainability and environmental responsibility.

Note: The information provided pertains to the support program for businesses and community centers seeking energy cost savings through performance-based energy contract

Support Scheme for Renewable Heat (SSRH)

Purpose

The purpose of the Support Scheme for Renewable Heat (SSRH) is to increase the use of renewable energy sources in the heat sector by bridging the cost gap between renewable heating systems and conventional fossil fuel alternatives. It aims to incentivize the development and supply of renewable heat.

Eligibility

Process: The SSRH is open to commercial, industrial, agricultural, district heating, public sector, and other non-domestic heat users. It is designed to support the implementation of renewable heating systems.

Successful applicants can receive an installation grant of up to 30% of eligible costs. The grant is available for renewable heating systems that use air source heat pumps, ground source heat pumps, and water source heat pumps.

ECSS Grant

The Energy Contract Support Scheme (ECSS) grant can be applied for in conjunction with the SSRH. It is available for projects implementing energy performance contracts (EPCs) such as LESC (Lighting Energy Savings Contract). Eligible costs include consultancy fees associated with setting up and procuring the EPC.

Benefits

Capital Expenditure Offset: The SSRH grant helps offset the capital expenditure required to implement energy-saving measures aligned with EU science-based targets.

Support for Renewable Heating Systems: The grant supports the actual implementation of equipment, making renewable heating systems more financially viable for businesses and organizations.

Energy Cost Reduction: By encouraging the use of renewable heat sources, the SSRH helps reduce energy costs and reliance on fossil fuels.

Environmental Impact: The scheme contributes to the reduction of CO2 emissions and the transition to a more sustainable and greener heat sector.

Note: The provided information is specific to the SSRH and its associated grants.

Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme (EEOS)

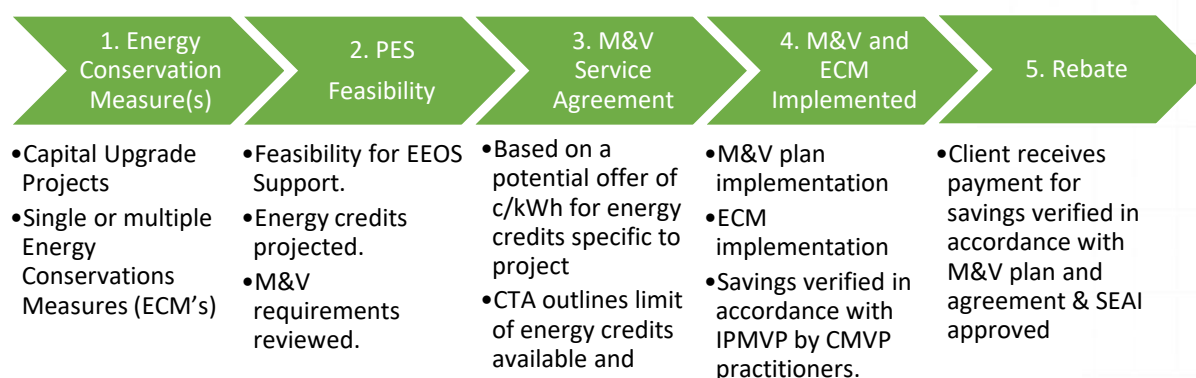
Purpose

The purpose of the Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme (EEOS) is to place obligations on energy suppliers and distributors to deliver energy savings across all energy types. The scheme aims to incentivize energy reduction measures and provide financial returns to businesses while reducing their carbon footprint.

Eligibility

The EEOS is administered by the SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland) and implemented by energy providers. It is applicable to all energy types, including electricity, gas, and solid fuel.

Process



Benefits

Financial Returns: The EEOS scheme provides significant financial returns to businesses that implement energy reduction measures. Payments are made by energy companies based on the kWh saved.

Capital Regain: The scheme offers a "cash for kWh" incentive, allowing businesses to regain capital through genuine efforts to reduce their carbon footprint.

EU Directive Compliance: The EEOS grant is in line with EU directives and penalizes utility companies that fail to pay a predetermined amount each year based on energy reduction measures.

No Utility Provider Switch Required: Businesses can receive the grant without switching their utility provider. However, they must have a measurement and verification system in place to prove the reduction in energy consumption.

Carbon Footprint Reduction: By participating in the EEOS scheme, businesses contribute to reducing their carbon footprint and promoting sustainability.

Note: The information provided pertains to the EEOS scheme administered by the SEAI. It highlights the purpose, eligibility, process, and benefits associated with the scheme.

Excellence in Energy Efficient Design (EXEED)

Purpose

The EXEED (Excellence in Energy Efficient Design) grant scheme, provided by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), aims to promote energy efficiency innovation. It offers significant financial assistance to organizations seeking to implement energy-efficient technology and infrastructure. The program grants funding of up to €1,000,000 per project and is open to all sectors, organizations, and enterprises investing in energy projects.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the EXEED grant, applicants must follow the EXEED standard and incorporate energy efficiency measures into their project design. The program focuses on optimizing energy performance and management early in the project lifecycle to help clients enhance their energy efficiency and reduce costs.

Process

The EXEED certification consists of three levels:

- 1: Design-stage processes defined in the EXEED Certified standard.
- 2: Involvement of an independent Energy Efficient Design Expert providing strategic input.
- 3: Identifying investment opportunities that deliver optimal energy performance.

Applications for Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the EXEED Certified Grant Scheme are accepted throughout the year. SEAI provides a Grant Offer to projects that meet the requirements and can be completed by October 1st of the following year.

The review process typically takes up to 3 weeks for Stage 1 and 4-8 weeks for Stage 2, with a possibility of longer review periods for awards exceeding €250,000.

Benefits

Increasing Energy Efficiency and Management: By incorporating energy-efficient technology and infrastructure into their projects, businesses can optimise their energy performance and reduce energy waste..

Reducing Costs and Carbon Emissions: The financial assistance provided by the EXEED grant significantly helps organisations in implementing energy-efficient measures. By reducing energy consumption and optimizing energy performance, businesses can experience long-term cost savings on energy bills.

Fostering Competition: The EXEED grant encourages innovation and competition in the field of energy efficiency. Organisations from various sectors and industries can apply for the grant, promoting healthy competition and driving the development of new and advanced energy-efficient technologies and solutions.

Promoting Long-Term Sustainability: The EXEED grant aligns with the goal of promoting long-term sustainability in energy consumption. By investing in energy-efficient projects, organizations contribute to creating a more sustainable future.

Accelerated Capital Allowance (ACA)

Purpose

The purpose of the Accelerated Capital Allowance (ACA) is to reduce tax bills and energy costs by incentivising investment in energy-saving technology.

Eligibility

Companies, sole traders, and farmers in Ireland who pay corporation tax or income tax on trading or professional income can take advantage of the ACA scheme.

Process

Equipment Use: The equipment must be new and purchased for use in a trade. It cannot be leased, let, or hired to any other individual, body, or organization.

Time Period: ACA can be claimed for the accounting period in which the equipment was first provided, as long as it appears on the published list at some point during that period.

Eligible Costs and Minimum Expenditure: ACA covers costs directly related to providing the equipment. The expenditure on technology must meet or exceed the minimum amounts set for the relevant technology class. Details on the minimum amounts can be found on the

How to Claim ACA:

- a. Determine the required equipment.
- b. Check the eligibility of the equipment model on the Triple E product register before making the purchase.
- c. Claim the ACA through the company's return of income form (CT1), using the designated field for ACA alongside the standard capital allowances entry field.

Benefits:

Tax Reduction: The ACA allows businesses to deduct the full cost of eligible equipment from their profits in the year of purchase, thereby reducing taxable profits.

Capital Expenditure Acceleration: Unlike the Wear and Tear Allowance, which spreads the tax reduction over eight years, the ACA accelerates the deduction to 100% of capital expenditure in the first year.

Energy Savings: By promoting investment in energy-efficient technology, the ACA helps businesses reduce energy costs and contribute to environmental sustainability.

Rules and Qualifications:

The ACA follows the same rules as the standard plant and machinery wear and tear allowance. No prior approval is needed for expenditure on energy-efficient equipment, as normal self-assessment tax provisions apply.

If you are unsure about your eligibility for the ACA, seek assistance from a taxation advisor or visit revenue.ie for further guidance.