



Invitation to Tender

Low Carbon Lake District Grants – Evaluation Report

Background

The LDF is currently delivering a 2.3 million [grant scheme](#) which aims to reduce the operational carbon footprint of businesses and community groups in Cumbria. The fund opened for applications in April 2021 and will be completed by March 2023.

The 47 projects funded so far include solar PV, air source heat pumps, insulation, LED lighting and energy management systems.

At this halfway point we seek to understand the impact of the project, identify areas for improvement, and articulate key outcomes that may be useful for further projects delivered by the LDF or other organisations.

The LDF has a database of businesses that requested support along with proposed energy savings and intervention costs, and 10 businesses case studies.

The grant scheme and this Evaluation Report will be part funded by the European Regional Development Fund as part of the Low Carbon Lake District 2 Project¹.

Scope

The evaluation report should include both quantitative and qualitative research and draw out the challenges and unexpected benefits.

The evaluation report will answer key questions that will help Cumbria to reach net zero, for example – how much does it cost to reach net zero, which technologies are most effective and most popular, what additional support do businesses require, whether these challenges unique to Cumbria and the Lake District, and other questions to be defined by the successful applicant.

The output should include a digital report including a set of recommendations and will be mindful of the intended audiences – potential funders, delivery organisations and other businesses looking to reduce their operational carbon footprint.

Timescales

Invitation to tender issued.	16/05/2022
Deadline for questions from Tenderers	30/05/2022
Deadline for Tender responses	13/06/2022
Evaluation of tenders	20/06/2022
Contract award	27/06/2022
Contract start date	04/07/2022

Contract end date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim report to be completed by 30/09/2022 (with recommendations for improvements for final 6 months project delivery) • Final report to be completed by 30/04/2023.
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What is required from all interested parties

To express your interest in the work, please provide a written proposal covering the following points. Please ensure that this is no more than 10 pages, minimum front size of 10pt.

- **Experience delivering similar projects** – Please provide up to three examples of previous similar work. This should include the dates completed, client, value and a short summary of the work.
- **A headline project plan** – Please provide a headline overview of:
 - Key activities
 - Milestones
 - Timescales
 - Key roles and responsibilities
 - Project outputs
- **CV's (Optional)** - A CV(s) of no more than three pages of lead individuals can be included as an additional attachment if required.
- **Pricing**

How the successful candidate will be chosen

The successful candidate will be chosen by two members of the LCLD Grant Scheme project team based on value for money, experience, reputation, and availability.

Deadline and details of how to apply

Please send your quote by 5pm on 13/06/2022 by email to info@lakedistrictfoundation.org or by post to Lake District Foundation, Unit 4, Wayfaring House, Murley Moss Business Park, Oxenholme Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 7RL

For more information, please contact Sarah Smith, sarah.smith@lakedistrictfoundation.org

¹About Low Carbon Lake District 2

The Low Carbon Lake District initiative is a comprehensive programme to help tackle climate change in the National Park, working in partnership with local businesses and communities to reduce greenhouse gases and prepare for the impacts of climate change. Led by the Lake District National Park Authority, other key partners include the Lake District Foundation, the National Trust, South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria Tourism.

The project has received funding from the England European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014- 2020. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the

Department for Work and Pensions (and in London the intermediate body Greater London Authority) are the Managing Authorities for European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund funding through the Growth Programme, funds established by the European Union to help local areas stimulate their economic development. By investing in projects the funds will help to support innovation, businesses, skills and employment to improve local growth and create jobs.

For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/europeangrowth-funding>

The Northern Powerhouse is a key aspect of this Government's approach to addressing the productivity gap in the North and ensuring a stronger, more sustainable economy for all parts of the UK. Alongside over €1.5 billion of European Regional Development Fund support for businesses and communities across the North, the government has awarded £3.4 billion in three rounds of Growth Deals across the Northern Powerhouse.