



Grants and Projects Brochure 2022

## What is LoCASE?

- The Low Carbon Across the South and East (LoCASE) programme is supported by the European Regional Development Fund to provide a free business support programme in the Southeast.
- The aim is to help your business to become more competitive and profitable while protecting the environment & encouraging low carbon solutions.
- To do this, LoCASE provides grants for businesses of up to **£20,000\*** as well [STEM \(Steps to Environmental Management\)](#) training and fully funded events. Targeted business support is on offer for companies who offer "green" or low carbon goods and services.

## What can I get help with?

- Energy efficiency and other environmental improvements (e.g. waste reduction projects)
- **Businesses in the 'low carbon' sectors can also buy:** Marketing and websites, Covid 19 Recovery, IT and software and systems, tools and equipment, plant or machinery, product design, development and consultancy or industry accreditation

# LoCASE

## LOW CARBON ACROSS THE SOUTH AND EAST

## How much?

- Up to £20k (\*typically capped at £5k for second hand electric vehicles & £10k for most projects)
- 40% of project expenditure so total project costs of £10k, you will receive a grant up to £4k

## Who is eligible?

- SMEs (most sectors)
- Based in Kent, East Sussex or Essex
- Have a commitment to tackle climate change

## Why?

Lower emissions  
Reduce costs  
Tackle climate change  
Grow the Green  
Economy

## How do I apply?

1. Contact us via the LoCASE website and click on [register](#) to complete eligibility questionnaire
2. We'll help you complete the forms
3. Get quotes to ensure value for money
4. After approval, order and pay for items
5. Upon proof of purchase, we'll pay you the grant within 30 days, usually much sooner

<https://locase.co.uk/>



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# What is the C-Care Green Recovery Voucher Scheme?

- The Green Recovery voucher scheme will help small companies take advantage of environmental advice and services.
- Businesses in Kent can apply for a voucher of up to £1,500 to implement an environmental project to help improve business sustainability, resilience, and support economic recovery.



## Why?

Covid recovery  
Lower emissions  
Reduce costs  
Tackle climate change  
Spread best practice

## Who is eligible?

- SMEs must be based in Kent
- Have a commitment to tackle climate change
- Must have received less than €200,000 worth of publicly funded assistance over the last 3 financial years

## How do I apply?

1. Contact us by emailing [lowcarbon@kent.gov.uk](mailto:lowcarbon@kent.gov.uk) to book an appointment or apply online by completing an [eligibility form](#)
2. We'll help you complete the forms
3. If your application is successful, you will be able to select a supplier from our approved list of service providers [\[PDF, 499.6 KB\]](#)
4. You can then contact your chosen supplier who will assist you going forward.

# C-Care

## How much?

- Typically, up to £1,500 as 100% of project value

## What can I get?

- Design, supply and installation of energy efficiency measures and biodiversity solutions
- Review, development and supply of waste reduction interventions
- Review, development and supply of sustainable transport solutions
- 'Net Zero' transition planning
- E-cargo bikes and other e-bike transport solutions

<https://lowcarbonkent.com/c-care-green-recovery-voucher-scheme/>



## What is South East New Energy (SENE)?

The South East New Energy (SENE) is a £6.4 million project, led by the University of East London and part funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The project aims to help businesses decarbonise their operations and learn more about how we can remove the barriers to rapid decarbonisation across our communities. There are also some other excellent activities supporting community energy, retrofit and innovation solutions to these key barriers.



## How much?

- Typically, up to £30,000
- 25% of project expenditure  
e.g. if a project costs £100,000 total you will receive a grant up to £25,000

## What can I get?

- 1) Free energy audits and surveys for renewable energy projects
- 2) Grants of up to £30,000 towards investment in energy projects

## Why?

Lower emissions  
Reduce costs  
Tackle climate change

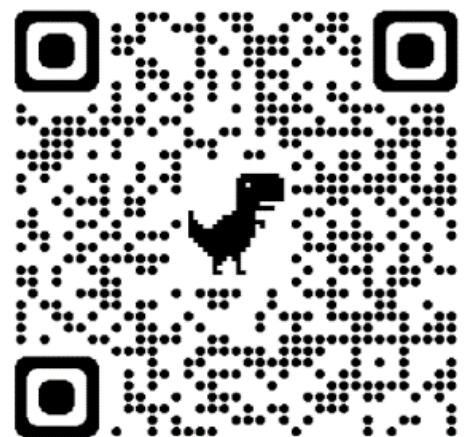
## Who is eligible?

- Most SMEs based in Kent (also targeting the wider SELEP region)
- Have a commitment to tackle climate change
- Must have received less than €200,000 worth of publicly funded (state aid) assistance over the last 3 financial years

<https://lowcarbonkent.com/south-east-new-energy-sene/>

## How do I apply?

1. Contact us via the [SENE website and click on Enquire Now](#) to submit interest
2. We'll help you complete the forms
3. Get quotes to ensure value for money
4. After approval, order and pay for items
5. Upon proof of purchase, we'll pay you the grant within 30 days, usually much sooner



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## What is Upcycle your waste (UYW)?

- Upcycle Your Waste is a free program to support and train SMEs in the circular economy and upcycling of waste
- Support for SMEs in pilot areas for upcycling and sharing of waste and turning it into a valuable resource



## What are the benefits?

- 1) Free program and training
- 2) Reduce costs directly and indirectly
- 3) Step-by-step approach and support
- 4) Widen tender opportunities by improving your CSR
- 5) Support local development
- 6) Enhance your business network

## Why?

Minimise your waste and reduce pollution  
Improve your waste management  
Minimise costs

## How do I get involved?

1. Access the free circular economy and upcycling training courses [here](#)
2. Register your interest in joining an upcycling network or participating in our pilots by emailing us at [lowcarbon@kent.gov.uk](mailto:lowcarbon@kent.gov.uk)



## What does upcycling mean?

Upcycling is the process of reusing old materials and waste and transforming it into something more valuable or of a higher quality.

Examples of upcycling include using materials from plastic bottles to make new shoes or reclaimed wood to make quality furniture.

## What are KCC doing?

- Creating upcycling networks and bringing businesses together to share waste
- Building platforms to tender for and find information about waste across Kent
- Running upcycling pilots across multiple towns
- Promoting the UYW training [Academy](#)

<https://lowcarbonkent.com/upcycle-your-waste/>



## What is Blueprint?

- BLUEPRINT aims to initiate the new policies, strategies and approaches required by local authorities to unlock sustainable and inclusive growth opportunities through the transition to a circular economy.



## What are KCC doing?

- A range of activities across Kent and Medway including Kent Coffee Cups recycling, Kent Clothes Swap, Swale Sisters (sustainable period/period poverty project), Flat Recycling Working Group, Swale Bike Project, Fox's Waste Adventure and the Low Carbon Ambassadors Programme
- Collaborating with [partners](#) across the South and East Coasts of England and the North Coast of France
- Promoting the circular economy business directory and examples of good practise across Kent

## Why?

Reduce our dependence on raw materials  
Help economic growth  
Reduce emissions

## How do I get involved?

Contact us at [lowcarbon@kent.gov.uk](mailto:lowcarbon@kent.gov.uk) to get involved in our projects or visit <https://projectblueprint.eu/>

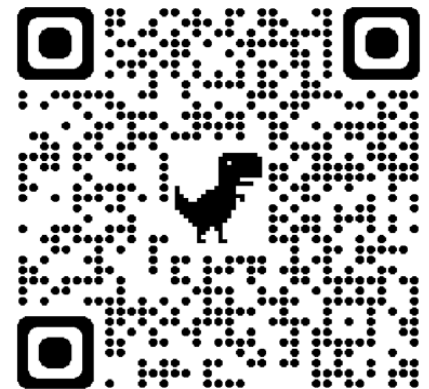
## What is the circular economy?

A change to the model in which resources are extracted, made into products, and then become waste. A circular economy reduces material use, redesigns materials to be less resource intensive, and recaptures "waste" as a resource to manufacture new materials and products.

## What are the benefits?

- 1) A new [BLUEPRINT Model](#)
- 2) A local authority monitoring and evaluation framework [service](#)
- 3) A local authority [training programme and network](#)
- 4) A [training programme](#) to develop skills and employability
- 5) A [networking hub](#) for social innovation
- 6) A series of behaviour change [campaigns](#)
- 7) Support local development
- 8) Enhance your business network

<https://lowcarbonkent.com/blueprint/>



## What is Inn2Power?

- Inn2POWER is an extended five-year Interreg project of partners from the leading offshore wind clusters in the North Sea Region – including United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.
- The aim is to expand the capacity for innovation and to improve access to the offshore wind industry for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) by connecting offshore wind businesses in the North Sea Region.



## Who is it for?

1. SMEs entering the wind or hydrogen supply chain/industry
2. SMEs facing innovation challenges in the wind and hydrogen supply chain
3. SMEs entering new markets

## How do I get involved?

1. Contact us at [lowcarbon@kent.gov.uk](mailto:lowcarbon@kent.gov.uk)
2. Visit [Inn2POWER, Interreg VB North Sea Region Programme](#)

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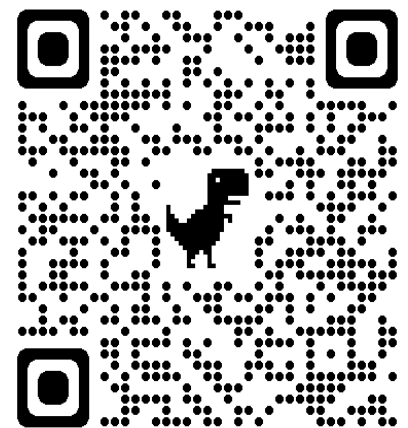
## How can it help SMEs?

- Support growth in national and international markets
- Provides a [Company Directory](#), an online address book for the offshore wind and green hydrogen industry in Europe which could:
  - Showcase your own capabilities to a large international network
  - Help expand your network and get in contact with suppliers, partners and new clients across Europe
- [Improve knowledge, skills and availability](#) of qualified staff
- Provide easy access to [test and demonstration facilities](#)

## Why?

Economic development in the North Sea Region (NSR)  
Support and attract Kent SMEs into the fast-emerging wind and hydrogen supply chains just off our coastline

<https://lowcarbonkent.com/inn2power/>



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