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Making West Suffolk Businesses Leaner





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What is it?

The Green Business Grant is funded by West Suffolk Council to help local businesses and organisations reduce their energy use and save money. If you are an eligible business based in West Suffolk you can apply for up to $\pounds1000$ to fund capital works designed to improve your business environmental performance.

Who can apply?

Small and medium sized businesses in West Suffolk, including those based in Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill, Newmarket, Mildenhall, Brandon and the surrounding villages. Your business can participate in a free environmental audit and the resulting action plan can form part of your application. There are numerous good quality providers offering free environmental audits and support. Please contact us for further information or visit www.greensuffolk.org/at-work/

How do I apply?

Please complete our application form which you can download from www.greensuffolk.org/green-communities/grants-andfundingopportunities/ For more information by phone or e-mail: Call: 01284 757400 E-mail environment@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Visit www.greensuffolk.org/at-work/ or call 0800 02 88 938 for more info.

What will we fund?

The grant will fund a wide variety of measures including:

- insulating buildings
- replacing heating controls and lighting
- installing more energy-efficient alternatives to existing equipment.



Image taken at Smiths Row Arts Gallery.

You can install any product listed on one of the following approved product lists:

- The ETL (or Energy Technology Product List, ETPL) is a government-managed list of energy-efficient plant and machinery. It is part of the Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA) tax scheme for businesses and is available at www.gov.uk/energy-technology-list
- the Energy Saving Trust's Recommended Product database available via www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/ Find-Energy-Saving-Trust-Recommended-Products/

Talk to us directly to discuss any ideas for reducing your water consumption.

What the others are saying?

Andrew Hunter, who runs Bury Physio in Bury St Edmunds, applied for a \pm 1,000. The money went towards the cost of a project to replace fluorescent tube lights with low wattage energy efficient LED lighting.

"The grant certainly tipped me into doing the work," said Mr Hunter. "Although the overall cost of the project was about £2,400, the £1,000 I received in support made the business case for it. Previously, the lights used 3kilowatts, compared with 400watts with the LED lights for around the same level of lighting. That is a dramatic reduction which will lead to savings for the business, especially as our gym runs from 7am to 8pm, so we have the lights on a lot. I'd encourage other businesses to look into taking up the grant offer to help fund their own sustainability projects."

Greener Suffolk **Business Service**

Free impartial support for businesses* in Suffolk:

Grants and Funding Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy Green Procurement **Local Accreditation Environmental Management Resilience Planning**

Whether by phone, email or a free site visit, we will help you find the most appropriate solution for your needs!

*maximum 250 full-time employees

Stay ahead of the pack and save money!

The Suffolk Climate Change Partnership (SCCP) has been providing energy efficiency, renewable energy and environmental management support to businesses since 2008.

> We've supported Specialized Print to reduce their carbon footprint by 17%:

We would highly recommend the services to any small business interested in managing their energy bills or environmental impacts.



- Ann Aken, Specialized Print

If you want to find out how you can benefit from greening your business:

Call the helpline: 01473 350370

or email: suffolkbusinessadvisor@groundwork.org.uk



Further information:

www.greensuffolk.org/at-work/

