



CARES SUPPORTS LOCAL RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION



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SUPPORT FOR RURAL BUSINESS RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

Local Energy Scotland is your free, impartial advice service through which you can access the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). CARES provides grant and loan funding for rural businesses and land managers, to maximise the local benefit from renewable energy generation.

Farmers, land managers and rural small and medium enterprises (SMEs) can apply for financial support to develop a renewable energy project on their land. You can apply for loans of up to £150,000 to cover up to 95% of agreed reasonable costs associated with the development. All CARES-supported projects must have a strong local and community focus and must provide a financial community benefit to the local area.

Local Energy Scotland has a network of local development officers across Scotland, providing regional support and advice to help you progress your renewable energy plans. Support can also be found on the website, which explains the options available to you through CARES.

“The support from our local development officer has been vital in accessing CARES. Without the financial support from CARES we would not have been able to progress and consider taking forward a successful project at the same time as developing a new dairy on the farm.”

Andrew Stewart, Marshall Farm

HOW CAN CARES HELP?

Local Energy Scotland provides free and impartial advice and can help you access support from CARES such as:

- **Loans and support** for rural businesses and land managers looking to develop renewable energy projects. These loans can cover the high-risk costs of feasibility studies and seeking consent, additionally they have a write-off facility for unsuccessful projects.
- Free online **toolkit**.
- Support to maximise the benefits to **local communities** from your development.
- Advice and support on engaging in **joint venture partnerships** to develop a renewable energy project.
- **Advice** on how to access other Scottish Government energy efficiency and energy generation initiatives for rural businesses and SMEs.

To find out more about the support available or to simply understand more about locally owned renewables, call Local Energy Scotland free on 0808 808 2288 or visit localenergyscotland.org



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