

## Ten funding opportunities for renewable energy and energy efficiency and electric vehicles applicable for public/private sector to apply to (specific criteria may apply to each fund):

### Funding Opportunities

1. **[Business Growth Programme 2](#)** : Grant support for individuals and businesses looking to start, grow and expand in the Marches LEP area.
2. **[BEEP \(Business Energy Efficiency Programme\)](#)**: Lowering your energy bills can make a big difference to your business bottom line, so if you are looking to cut costs, we can help.
3. **[Community Energy – Sharenergy](#)**:  
Community Energy schemes have been set up across the UK. Where people within a local community come together to develop an energy project, with capital raised by selling shares. [Sharenergy](#) is a local organisation that provides support to groups to help develop and build their community energy scheme.
4. **[Low Carbon Opportunities Programme \(LoCoP\)](#)**: If your business is looking to implement a large-scale renewable energy project or has the potential for high-tech green growth, support may be available to help your business grow.
5. **[MarRE](#)**: Building attached renewable energy <200kW maximum allowed capacity. The Marches Renewable Energy (MarRE) project is accepting formal expressions of interest. It can provide grants to support renewable energy installations (not including commercial activities like solar farms) of between 4 -200 kWp. MarRE is a grant scheme part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund. The project will run for two and half years from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2021.
6. **[Marches Growth Hub](#)**: Your Gateway to Business Support: The Growth Hub is the portal for businesses to use to access help and support, including information on grants.
7. **[OLEV Grants – home charging points for Electric Vehicles](#)**
  - a. <https://pod-point.com/guides/driver/olev-grant>
  - b. <https://www.carwow.co.uk/scrappage-scheme>
8. **[Rural Community Energy Fund](#)** A revised £10million programme, to support rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects, has now been announced. Please visit this website for further details. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-community-energy-fund>
9. **[SEPuBu: Sustainable Energy in Public Buildings](#)**  
A match funded scheme for local authorities to assist innovative retrofitting of public buildings to improve their energy efficiency thereby saving carbon and running costs.
10. **[SALIX](#)** (zero interest finance for low carbon projects): <https://www.salixfinance.co.uk/>

### Further Resources and Partners

For further information <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/climate-change-and-sustainability>

**[CREST](#)**: based at University Centre Shrewsbury provides research and innovation support to small and medium enterprises across Shropshire it can also help them access grants to assist prototyping, etc.

**[Herefordshire Council](#)**:

**[Marches LEP Energy Strategy](#)** Energy Strategy for the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership.

**[Marches Energy Agency](#)**: A charity that provides support and advice on fuel poverty, domestic energy use and accessing grants or benefits, assistance and advice for businesses and home owners.

**[Sustainability West Midlands](#)**: A central hub and resource for the West Midlands

<https://www.sustainabilitywestmidlands.org.uk/news/business-growth-programme-2-funding-opportunity/>

Also, **[Carbon Trust](#)** for all businesses and public sector.

**[Energy Saving Trust](#)**: for homes and domestic energy.