



Enhanced Capital Allowances (ECAs)

The ECA scheme provides tax incentives for all companies purchasing low carbon/energy saving technologies. The list of eligible technologies includes biomass heating systems. ECAs permit the full cost of investment in equipment that are on the 'Energy Technology Product List' to be written off against taxable profits at the period of investment.

<http://www.eca.gov.uk/>

The Carbon Trust

The Carbon Trust supplies 0% interest loans over a period of four years for the installation of energy-efficiency technology, including heating systems. They consider any energy-saving investment where the estimated value of energy saved over the first 5 years exceeds the capital amount.

<http://www.thecarbontrust.co.uk>

Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE)

The RDPE provides a wide range support for capital projects and training for farmers, growers, foresters, food businesses and rural communities.

Relevant priorities in the South East:

Addressing climate change – Renewable energy, and helping rural businesses and communities to minimise their impact on the environment and to adapt to climate change.

Adding value to forestry products – Harvesting, primary processing and adding-value to forestry products, uptake of technology, development of new markets.

Two main routes to this funding:

Large collaborative projects – www.seeda.co.uk

Smaller projects within Wealden and Rother Leader area – www.warrpartnership.org.uk

Low Carbon Buildings Programme

The programme provides grants for the installation of microgeneration technologies in a range of buildings to include households, community organisations, public, private and the non-profit sectors.

Householders can apply for grants of up to £2,500 per property towards the cost of installing a certified product by a certified installer through Phase 1.

Community groups, public and non-profit sector applicants can now only apply to the Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2.

www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/home/