



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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From:

Energy Division

Cleared by:

Date:

08/09/2025

MINISTERIAL ADVICE - Ynni Cymru Capital Grant Scheme (Year 2 – FY 2025-26)

For decision by: Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Energy and Planning

Subject	Ynni Cymru Capital Grant Scheme - Approval of Projects and a request to transfer money between Energy BELs
100-word summary	<p>The Ynni Cymru £10,000,000 Capital Grant Scheme for Smart Local Energy System (SLES) projects closed for applications on 16 June.</p> <p>This advice outlines the Approval Board recommendations to award capital grants to a total of 48 projects which will require a total grant award of £12,906,707.</p> <p>This will be funded from the £10,000,000 already allocated to the Ynni Cymru Capital Grant Scheme available in BEL 3775. Approval is required to transfer an additional £2,907,000 from currently unallocated capital available in Green Energy BEL 1280.</p>
Timing	A response if required before the proposed announcement on the funded projects which is provisionally planned for the 15 September.
Recommendation	<p>The Cabinet Secretary is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve the award of grant to projects outlined in Annex to the total value of £12,907,000. This includes approved capital funding for the project of £10,000,000 from Ynni Cymru Capital BEL and £2,907,000 from Green Energy Capital BEL.• Approve the transfer of £2,907,000 from The Green Energy Capital BEL 1280 to Ynni Cymru Capital Grants BEL 3775 to allocate capital for all agreed projects under Ynni Cymru, detailed in Annex 2.
Decision report	This decision does require a Decision Report, which may be published at any point.

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Capital Grant Scheme

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Assessment Process

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Table 1 – initial applications received, passes and unsuccessful

	Total	SMEs	Public sector	Community sector	Pathway 1	Pathway 2
Number of applications received						
Number of applications passed the initial assessment process						
Number of unsuccessful applications						

Approval Panel

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Financial Implications

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Table 2 Currently funds available against BEL 3772 Ynni Cymru

BEL 3775 total capital 2025-26	
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Table 2 – Currently profile for spend against BEL 1280 to accommodate extra Ynni Cymru projects

BEL 1280 total capital 2025-26	
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Risks

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Subsidy Control

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Communications and media handling

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Powers

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Legal Issues

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Programme for Government

33. Ynni Cymru contributes to the following key current Programme for Government commitments and associated wellbeing objectives:

- Work towards the creation of Ynni Cymru, a publicly owned energy company for Wales.
- Expand renewable energy generation by public bodies and community groups in Wales by over 100MW by 2026.
- Build a stronger, greener economy as we make maximum progress towards decarbonisation.

Wellbeing of Future Generations Act

34. Ynni Cymru aligns with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and seeks to deliver the following benefits: CO₂ saved, reduction in fuel poverty, extra revenue for locally owned generators, more viable projects, increased Gross Value Added (GVA), socio-economic benefits from jobs, grid benefits, societal health and welfare benefits, from air quality and warm homes, and community involvement.

Annex 1: ASSURANCE AND COPY RECIPIENTS**CLEARANCE TRACKING**

Aspect	Tracking	Yes	No	N/A	Clearance no.
Finance	Financial implications over £50,000?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by Group Finance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by Budget & Government Business Division?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by Local Government Finance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	Legal issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by relevant lawyers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Governance	Novel and contentious issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by Corporate Governance Centre of Excellence?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

In clearing this MA, I confirm that I, xxx have quality assured this advice, ensuring it is provided on the basis of evidence, accurately presents the options and facts and I am accountable for the recommendations made

I am satisfied that the recommended decision or action, if agreed, would be lawful, affordable and comply with all relevant statutory obligations. Welsh Government policy priorities and cross portfolio implications have been fully considered in line with delivery of the government objectives.

I have fully considered the statement of assurance contained in the MA guidance to ensure all relevant considerations have been taken into account, appropriate impact assessments have been undertaken and that the actions and decisions take account of regularity, propriety and value for money.

COPY LIST

All mandatory copy recipients (as indicated in the guidance). Additional copy recipients specifically interested in this advice:

Annex 2 – List of Pass Projects within Allocated Budget**Annex 2a: Projects where Grant Value exceeds £250,000**

App #	Lead organisation	Organisation type	Location	Total Grant Request (Total Project Cost)
Total				

Annex 2b: Projects where Grant Value is below £250,000

App #	Lead organisation	Organisation type	Location	Total Grant Request (Total Project Cost)
SLES222	Ynni Teg	Community	Cardiff	£72,800 (£73,800)

App #	Lead organisation	Organisation type	Location	Total Grant Request (Total Project Cost)
Total				

Annex 3 – List of Other Fundable Projects

NB please note that these other fundable projects will only be awarded grants if funding becomes available (e.g. subject to changes in grant values awarded and/or project withdrawal from the list of projects in Annex 2).

Annex 3a: Other fundable projects where Grant Value exceeds £250,000

App #	Lead organisation	Organisation type	Location	Total Grant Request (Total Project Cost)
Total				

Annex 3b: Other fundable projects where Grant Value is below £250,000

App #	Lead organisation	Organisation type	Location	Total Grant Request (Total Project Cost)
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