

Appendix 2

Current support available through the Combined Authority to help with the Climate Emergency

Energy Accelerator

The Energy Accelerator (Accelerator) is a key initiative under priority three of the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) which aims to create a zero carbon energy economy. It is a new innovative programme involving a team of expert advisors that are supporting the development of low carbon projects. The Accelerator offers free support to the commercial and public sector in the following areas:

- Energy efficiency and renewable energy (new and retrofitted)
- District heat networks
- Street lighting

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Resource Efficiency Fund

The Resource Efficiency Fund (REF) offers free expert advice and business support to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to help them to implement energy and water efficiency and waste reduction measures.

For more details visit the [Resource Efficiency Fund](#) page on the LEP website.

Better Homes Yorkshire

This is a City Region wide programme delivering energy efficiency and heating improvements across the City Region's homes.

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North East, Yorkshire and Humber Local Energy Hub.

The Hub provides capacity to LEPs and local authorities to undertake the initial stages of development for priority local and regional energy projects and programmes up to a point where investment can be secured. A collaborative and coordinated approach across multiple LEP areas is encouraged through the Hub.

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Rural Communities Energy Fund

The Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) is a £10 million programme which supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects. RCEF is being run by 5 regional Local Energy Hubs and provides support to rural communities in two stages

- Stage 1 grants of up to £40,000 for a feasibility study for a renewable energy project
- Stage 2; grants of up to £100,000 for business development and planning of feasible schemes.

For further information and application forms contact rcef@teesvalley-ca.gov.uk