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Guide to Eligible and Ineligible Project Costs for the Resilient Stafford Grant

Eligible Project Costs

The Resilient Stafford Grant will be awarded to projects where applicants are able to demonstrate eligibility, sustainability goals and how the project will deliver on carbon emission reduction or new methodologies to reduce waste.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

- professional services support for implementation of new processes and systems within the business, which will allow them to reduce energy consumption
- fitting out of new or existing premises with energy efficiency measures including:
 - solar panels
 - EV charging points
 - electric plant and machinery
 - LED lighting
 - motion Sensors
 - electric kitchens and equipment
 - heat pumps
 - heating upgrades (replacement boilers, burners, heat pumps)
 - insulation enhancements
 - refrigeration improvements
- funding towards decarbonisation including feasibility studies and consultancy

Examples of Ineligible Project Costs

General Business Expenses:

- travel expenses/subsistence
- accommodation
- car parking
- company vehicles
- courier services
- flights
- food and drink



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- mileage
- petrol, diesel or other fuel
- refreshments
- travel abroad
- non-related professional fees
- staff salaries including bonuses
- costs associated with legal/statutory business compliance
- forwarding of post for a change of address as part of relocation
- ink/toner cartridges or printer ink
- internal employee wages/time
- monthly bills/annual charges (i.e. telephone, internet, utilities, servicing of equipment etc.)
- newspapers/journals
- postage of current promotion material
- service/maintenance charges on office equipment
- purchasing of property or stock items
- subscriptions to magazines etc.

Property Expenses:

- conversion of a building into residential accommodation for rental purposes (including short term lets)
- planning permission/building regulation fees
- rent and rates for current or new premises
- rent deposit on new premises
- service charges

Professional Fees:

- accountancy fees
- coaching and mentoring
- consultant fees relating to completing the application
- recruitment

Please note: This list is not exhaustive and may be subject to amendments