



Energy Savings PROGRAMME – Call II

Do you want to reduce your company's energy demands? Do you want to replace your old energy production technology with new facilities? Are you planning to use waste energy in your production processes or introduce or modernise your measuring and control system? Are you thinking of modernising or reconstructing electricity, gas and heat distribution systems in buildings and in industrial energy management sites? If so, the Energy Savings programme is designed with you in mind.

SCHEDULE

Aid applications may be submitted:

- 15. 12. 2016 – 30. 3. 2018

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Modernisation and reconstruction of electricity, gas and heat distribution systems in buildings and industrial energy management sites in order to increase efficiency.
- Introduction and modernisation of measuring and control systems
- Modernisation, reconstruction existing energy production facilities for own consumption, increasing their efficiency.
- Modernisation of the lighting systems of buildings and industrial sites (only where obsolete technology is replaced with new efficient lighting systems).
- Implementation of measures to improve the energy efficiency of buildings in the business sector.
- Use of waste energy in production processes.
- Reducing energy consumption/increasing the energy efficiency of manufacturing production technological processes, with the exception of measures relating to sources for the production of energy for distribution, not for own consumption, increasing their efficiency.
- Installation of a renewable energy source for the enterprise's own consumption (using biomass, solar systems, heat pumps and photovoltaic systems¹).

¹ The maximum possible installed capacity of a photovoltaic system is 100 kW_p, and it must be placed on a roof-mounted structure or on the perimeter wall of a single building attached to the ground by a solid foundation and registered in the Land Register.

- Installation of a cogeneration unit using electricity and heat or cold for the enterprise's own consumption with respect to its operating conditions².

APPLICANT

The applicant/beneficiary is a business entity which:

- is a small or medium-sized enterprise as defined by Annex I of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 or large enterprise, including agricultural entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in the food industry and retail.
- is licensed to engage in business corresponding to the supported economic activity for which the project is implemented.
- confirms (in an affidavit) that it is registered as an income tax payer in an EU Member State; the applicant is aware that when the aid is paid out it must have set up an establishment or branch in the Czech Republic.
- confirms (in an affidavit) that it has no outstanding liabilities towards selected institutions in the country in which it is based or in which its branch is based or towards support providers from projects co-financed from the EU budget.
- confirms (in an affidavit) that it has no outstanding liabilities in connection with employee salaries.
- has no outstanding liability on the basis of a recovery order issued following a Commission decision declaring aid to be unlawful and incompatible with the internal market.
- has had at least 2 consecutive accounting periods as of the date the aid application is filed.

SECTORAL CLASSIFICATION

- Aid is provided for projects whose outcomes take effect in the sectors listed in Annex No 1 Part A of the Call.
- Aid is not provided for projects whose outcomes take effect in any of the sectors listed in Annex No 1 Part B of the Call.

MAIN CONDITIONS OF CALL

- The project must be implemented within the Czech Republic, with the exception of the City of Prague.
- The applicant must provide clear proof of ownership or other rights to the property and land where the project is to be implemented.
- The project must include all the mandatory elements specified in the Call for submission.
- The project does not envisage aid for activities linked to quantities exported (export subsidies), aid for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad, or for other current export-related costs (customs duties, insurance, etc.); nor does it envisage aid contingent upon the use of domestic goods over imported goods.
- The project may not have been started before the date of submission of the aid application.

² The maximum annual production of electricity from high-power CHP should be higher than the annual amount of electricity consumed by the enterprise. The heat produced should be intended primarily for the enterprise's own consumption.

- The project must not violate EU horizontal policies or their basic principles, such as equal opportunities between men and women and sustainable development.
- The construction project is considered complete when all the component structures and technological sets of the building are completed. A component structure or technological set is considered complete when the handover protocol is signed and the final building approval or trial operation permit is issued, if such administrative decisions are issued, or upon the signature of the handover protocol for the building if no building permit was needed for the project.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Fixed tangible assets – during the acquisition of the construction works the aid provider will consider these as eligible up to the value of the construction work prices pursuant to the current ÚRS/RTS pricing system as of the date the application for aid was filed.
- Fixed intangible assets (if necessary for the proper use of fixed tangible assets).
- Energy Assessment
- For projects that include construction work the applicant/beneficiary may include the costs of acquiring the project documentation and an energy assessment into eligible expenses, if those costs were incurred after 1 January 2016, although only assuming compliance with the procedure/conditions specified by the Public Procurement Act or the OP EIC Supplier Selection Rules applicable when selecting the supplier for that project documentation and energy assessment.

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The grant provided for the project amounts to a minimum of 500 thousand CZK and a maximum of 250 million CZK.
- The maximum grant for the Energy Assessment is 350 thousand CZK.
- Aid intensity for project:
 - If the grant beneficiary is a small enterprise – up to 50 % of eligible expenses
 - If the grant beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise – up to 40 % of eligible expenses
 - If the grant beneficiary is a large enterprise – up to 30 % of eligible expenses
- Aid intensity to cover the costs of energy assessment and project documentation:
 - If the grant beneficiary is a small enterprise – up to 50 % of eligible expenses
 - If the grant beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise – up to 40 % of eligible expenses
 - If the grant beneficiary is a large enterprise – up to 30 % of eligible expenses.