

Competitive Grants Facility (CGF) Eligibility Criteria

Overview & Purpose

The China Energy and Low Carbon Economy Programme (CELCEP) has launched an exciting new funding opportunity to support China's low carbon transition. A description of the programme's purpose, key dates and areas of intervention can be found here: www.celcep.com

Intervention / Project

Geographic scope: It is expected that projects will be undertaken in China and/or the UK. Activities required in other countries will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Type of support funded: Activities related to supporting China's low carbon transition, including but not limited to: Policy making and implementation; Research development; Capacity building and technical exchange, Industrial strategy; Commercial partnerships.

Grant size and duration: The indicative minimum and maximum funding and period allocated for this first funding window, will be:

- £50,000 to £250,000 for a project of 6-12 month
- £150,000 to £2,000,000 for a multi-year (12 months plus) project, up to the end of the CELCEP (in March 2022)

Match funding: We encourage Concept Notes that can demonstrate additionality through seeking / attaining funding from other related programmes or through donors / investors in the sector. This is not a requirement, however.

Joint Concept Notes: Joint collaborative Concept Notes are permitted. However clear roles and responsibilities must be set for the governance structure of the organisation, and the entity that will host and be accountable for the project.

Number of Concept Notes: Multiple Concept Notes from a single entity are permitted.

Language: Concept Notes should be submitted in English.

Applicants

Legal status: The eligible entities that can apply for CGF funding will be international, UK and Chinese energy and low carbon experts and practitioners. This includes but is not limited to:

- Government affiliated institutes
- Private sector companies
- Civil society organisations (CSOs), nongovernmental organisations (NGOs),
- International nongovernmental organisations (INGOs)



- Research organisations and policy institutes/ think tanks
- Trade or industry associations
- Non-membership associations, professional associations and foundations
- High-profile figures / individuals (individuals not hosted by a legal entity may be requested to seek a host institution, or join projects with an existing organisation)

Geography / residency of the applicant: The lead entity (i.e. legal entity that will hold the grant) must be resident/registered in the UK or China. Collaborative partners can be registered internationally.

What we will not fund

The below indicative (non-exhaustive) list of Concept Notes / applicants that will not be funded under the CGF:

- Investment in fixed assets
- Concept notes that do not meet Official Development Assistance (ODA) criteria
- Concept notes that are better suited for funding from other programmes or sources
- Concept notes that do not demonstrate sufficient additionality in the use of the resources
- Concept notes that represent unacceptably high levels of reputational or other risks to programme
- Concept notes that do not significantly advance the strategic outcomes of the programme and present little confidence in achieving the intended impact.
- Concept notes that do not show good value for money