
The programme and the Call aim to support the reduction of energy intensity of the business sector. The purpose of the programme is to promote actions contributing to reduced end-use energy consumption.

**SCHEDULE**

**Receipt of applications for support:**

- 16.7.2018 – 15.1.2020

**SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES**

- Support for the construction of new energy efficient buildings
- Support for the construction of extensions with a higher energy standard to existing buildings, in compliance with Act No 406/2000 Coll. on energy management, as amended.

**APPLICANT**

The applicant/ beneficiary is a business entity that:

- is a small and medium-sized enterprise according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, or a large enterprise including entrepreneurs in the food industry and retail, which will keep accounts, or tax records expanded with special requirements, or keep analytical accounts for the project
- is authorized to conduct business corresponding to the supported economic activity which is to be carried out through the project
- is, based on its sworn declaration, registered as an income tax payer in any of the EU member states and has been so continuously for at least two closed tax periods preceding the date of submitting the application; the applicant notes that it will have to have an establishment or a branch established in the Czech Republic at the moment of receiving the support
- is not, based on its sworn declaration, in arrears to selected institutions in the country of its registration, or in the country where its branch is registered, and to providers of support from projects co-financed from the EU budget
- does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees' wage and salary claims
• does not have any outstanding liability arising from a recovery order issued following a Commission decision whereby the support is declared illegal and incompatible with the internal market

SECTORAL DEFINITION
• Support is provided to projects with outputs manifesting in the sectors defined in Specific Annex 1, Part A, to this Call.
• The aid shall not be provided to projects with outputs manifesting in any of the sectors set out in Specific Annex 1 B to this Call.

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL
• The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS II Prague. Only one place of implementation may be claimed in the project. The place of implementation should be a part of one energy management unit and at the same time it should be an integral territory according to the cadastral map.
• The applicant must clearly demonstrate ownership or other rights to buildings and land plots, where the project will be implemented.
• The project must include all mandatory elements listed in the Call for submission.
• The project does not expect any aid for activities linked to the quantities exported (export subsidies), aid for the establishment and operation of a distribution network abroad or for other current expenditure linked to the export activity (customs duties, insurance, etc.) or any aid contingent upon the use of domestic goods instead of imported goods.
• The project must not violate the EU horizontal policies and their basic principles such as equal opportunities (equality of men and women, removing discrimination based on sex, race, ethnic origin, religious belief, world view, disability, age or sexual orientation), equal opportunities and non-discrimination (e.g. due to social exclusion or health environment) and sustainable development (observing the EU and national regulations concerning environmental protection).
• The building must meet the parameters of a nearly zero energy building pursuant to Decree No 78/2013 Coll., as amended.
• Each economic operator (each Id. No.) shall be entitled to submit no more than 10 applications for aid under this call.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE
• Tangible fixed assets. As part of acquiring construction works, the aid provider will consider eligible only the additional cost of constructing structures (new, extensions) that have a higher energy standard at up to CZK 3,000/m² of the energy reference area.
• Energy assessment
• Technical supervision of the investor
• Project documentation
• Blower door test

THE FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID
• The minimum grant provided for a project is CZK 200 thousand and the maximum grant is EUR 200 thousand pursuant to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013.
• The maximum absolute amount of grant for building permit documentation (that includes the Energy Efficiency Certificate of a Building, and/or the energy assessment) and for construction documentation is CZK 350 thousand and shall not exceed 2% of the total investment costs of the building.

• Aid intensity for the project:
  a) If the grant beneficiary is a small enterprise, the support is provided up to 80% of EE.
  b) If the grant beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, the support is provided up to 70% of EE.
  c) If the grant beneficiary is a large enterprise, the support is provided up to 60% of EE.

• The aid intensity for the costs of the energy assessment and project design documentation at the stage of applying for a building permit, construction documentation, technical supervision of the investor, blower-door test.
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  b) If the grant beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, the support is provided up to 70% of EE.
  c) If the grant beneficiary is a large enterprise, the support is provided up to 60% of EE.