Energy Savings Programme – Call V

Do you want to improve the energy performance of your enterprise? Do you wish to replace old energy production equipment for captive use with new ones? Are you planning to use waste energy in production processes or to introduce or modernise a system of measurement and regulation? Are you considering modernisation or reconstruction of the power, gas and heat distribution lines in buildings and modernisation of lighting and electricity distribution at industrial premises? Are you interested in installing a RES for captive use? Then the Energy Savings programme is right for you!

SCHEDULE
Receipt of applications for support:
- 16/09/2019-30/04/2020

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES
- Modernisation and reconstruction of electricity, gas and heat distribution in buildings and energy management of production plants to improve efficiency
- Implementation and modernisation of measurement and control systems, e.g. hardware and network measures including relevant software related to the implementation of energy management system according to ČSN EN ISO 50001
- Modernisation, reconstruction of existing energy production equipment for captive use leading to increased efficiency
- Modernisation of lighting systems of buildings and industrial premises (only in case of replacing obsolete technologies with new efficient lighting systems, e.g. light emitting diodes – LED)
- Implementation of measures to reduce the energy efficiency of buildings in the business sector (insulation of the building envelope, exchange and refurbishment of doors and windows, other construction measures having proven effects on the energy performance of the building, installation of air-conditioning with waste heat recovery units)
- Use of waste energy in industrial processes
- Reduction of energy efficiency / increase of energy efficiency of production and technological processes, except for measures on energy sources for distribution, not for captive use leading to increase of its efficiency
- Installation of RES for the company consumption (biomass utilisation, solar systems, heat pumps and photovoltaic systems)
Installation of a cogeneration unit using electricity and heat, or cooling for the company consumption, taking into account its operating conditions

Installation of a storage of electric energy (the storage must be operated in energy management, which has its own source of electricity from RES (e.g. PVP) or from CHP (except for coal, light and heavy fuel oils)

APPLICANT
The applicant/ beneficiary is a business entity that:

• Is a small or medium-sized enterprise according to the definition in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014, or a large enterprise pursuant to the programme conditions and keeps accounts, or tax records expanded with special requirements, or separate accounts for the project

• Is authorised 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.

• It does not have any outstanding liabilities, according to its sworn declaration, based on its employees’ wage and salary claims.

• Natural person doing business under applicable legislation registered in the Commercial Register, natural person doing business under applicable legislation not registered in the Commercial Register, public company, limited liability company, limited partnership, joint stock company, cooperative, production cooperative, agricultural entrepreneur, European company, European cooperative a company, national enterprise, state enterprise, branch, branch of a foreign legal entity, foreign natural person, branch of a foreign natural person, association, registered church legal entity, or an analogous foreign legal form to the above, if the applicant is a foreign entity.

SECTORAL DEFINITION
• The aid shall support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Annex 1 (A) to the Call.

• The aid shall not support projects with outputs affecting the sectors defined in Annex 1 (B) to the Call.

KEY CONDITIONS OF THE CALL
• The project must be implemented in the Czech Republic outside NUTS 2 Prague.

• 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 has not started before the date of filing the grant application (except for the preparation of the project documentation, energy assessment and organisation of the tender for the contractor)
- The project must not violate EU horizontal policies and their basic principles, in particular equal opportunities for men and women, equal opportunities and non-discrimination and sustainable development
- A Grant Decision shall not be issued if the applicant is an undertaking in difficulty under Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014.
- The financial health of the applicant, expressed in a simplified economic assessment of the intermediate body, must not be lower than 5 points
- Projects with total eligible expenditure at and over CZK 5 million and at the same time with investment expenditure that forms more than 50% of the total eligible expenditure will be required to carry out a Financial Analysis of the investment. Projects with total eligible expenditure at and over CZK 100 million and at the same time with investment expenditure that forms more than 50% of the total eligible expenditure will be required to carry out an economic analysis taking into account socio-economic impacts of the project based on a set code-book

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- Tangible fixed assets
- Intangible fixed assets (if required for due operation of the tangible fixed assets)
- Energy assessment
- Engineering
- Project documentation
- Costs of project management organisation

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

- The minimum grant provided for a project is CZK 500 thousand and the maximum grant is EUR 15 million.
- **Aid intensity for expenditure on preparation of energy assessment, project documentation and expenditure on preparation of tender**
  - If the grant beneficiary is a small enterprise, the support is provided up to 50% of EE.
  - If the grant beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, the support is provided up to 40% of EE.
  - If the grant beneficiary is a large enterprise, the support is provided up to 30% of EE
- **Aid intensity for the project**
  - If the grant beneficiary is a small enterprise, the support is provided up to 50% of EE.
  - If the grant beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, the support is provided up to 40% of EE.
  - If the grant beneficiary is a large enterprise, the support is provided up to 30% of EE.