Programme Renewable Energy Sources – Call V

The aim of the Renewable Energy Sources Programme is to support production and distribution of energy generated from renewable sources. Support will be provided to installations with the highest effectiveness and without a negative impact on the electricity supply system.

SCHEDULE
Receipt of applications for support:
• 02/09/2019 – 31/03/2020

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES
- construction of wind power stations,
- installation of electric and gas heat pumps,
- installation of solar thermal systems,
- conducting heat from the existing electricity generating plants – biogas plants that use biogas in a biogas plant to produce electricity and heat – by means of heat distribution facilities to the place of consumption; conducting biogas from the existing biogas plants by means of a biogas pipeline into a remote cogeneration unit that uses biogas from an existing biogas plant in order to use the useful heat supplied to the heat distribution facility of a heat supply system,
- construction and reconstruction of sources of combined production of electricity and heat from biomass and subsequent conducting of heat into a heat exchanger station including,
- construction and reconstruction of sources of heat from biomass and subsequent conducting of heat into a heat exchanger station including,
- construction and renovation and modernisation of small hydroelectric power plants (up to 10 MWe of installed capacity).

APPLICANT
The applicant/beneficiary is a business entity that:
• Small and medium-sized enterprises as defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014, including agricultural entrepreneurs for heat / biogas removal activity from existing biogas plants (defined by Act No. 252/1997 Coll., on Agriculture), food business operators and retail under the terms of the programme and keeps accounting or tax records extended by special requirements or separate accounting 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, 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 and/or contingent upon the use of domestic services.

• 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)

FORM AND AMOUNT OF AID

• In the case of VTE technology, a grant for the project is provided at least in the amount of CZK 500 thousand and the maximum amount is EUR 15 million, in the case of other activities, the minimum amount is CZK 500 thousand and the grant is provided up to amount of the planned allocation of the respective activity at maximum.

• In the case of conducting heat and biogas from existing biogas plants – activity d) – conducting heat and biogas from the existing biogas plants:
  a) If the beneficiary is a small enterprise, the support is provided up to 50 % of EE.
  b) If the beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, the support is provided up to 45 % of EE.

• In the case of measures concerning supported activities a), b), c), e), f) and g) – VTE, heat pump, thermal solar systems, combined electricity and heat production (CEHP) from biomass, biomass heating plants and small hydroelectric power plant (SHPP):
  a) If the beneficiary is a small enterprise, the support is provided up to 80% of EE.
  b) If the beneficiary is a medium-sized enterprise, the support is provided up to 70 % of EE.