

LCNF Full Submission

Supplementary Answer Form

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Question:	Can you give further details on the timing and requirements for further ERDF funding (e.g. is this linked to the award of LCN)?
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Answer:	<p>Two applications for ERDF funding were submitted by Shetland Islands Council on the 13th August 2010. We expect decisions to be formally announced in early December 2010.</p> <p>Whilst we cannot pre-empt the ERDF decision making process, we are reasonably confident of success as the Highlands and Islands ERDF programme has a strong focus on supporting renewable energy development in the region. The H & I ERDF programme also has a clear objective of supporting sustainable growth in fragile and peripheral areas in the Highlands.</p> <p>There are strong interdependencies between the ERDF and LCNF. For instance, one ERDF application is to part fund the advanced storage heating systems in 750 homes to enable DSM, utilising domestic customers' heating and hot water systems.</p> <p>Without the LCNF funding there would be no need for such systems to be installed as the DSM system will not be available to control the heating systems. SHEPD has worked hard with our partners to maximise access to as many alternative funding mechanisms as possible to support the NINES concept thereby reducing the grant requested from LCNF. Each partner and funding contribution is however, ultimately dependant on the success of the NINES project in securing LCNF bid.</p>
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