

Committee	UHI North, West and Hebrides Finance and General Purposes Committee
Subject	Business Development – Scottish Government Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme.
Action requested	<input type="checkbox"/> For information only <input type="checkbox"/> For discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> For endorsement <input type="checkbox"/> For approval
Summary of the paper	The purpose of this paper is to seek approval to accept the Offer of Grant - Scottish Central Government Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme.
Resource implications	Match funding of £15k from the UHINWH Capital Grants programme which is core funding received each year to support capital developments within our campus.
Risk implications	There is a risk that we are unable to secure a suitable consultant however, we are reviewing frameworks to mitigate this risk
Date paper prepared	August 2023
Date of Board / Committee meeting	23/08/23
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Link with strategy Please highlight how the paper links to the Strategic Plan	The project links directly to the draft estates strategy to meet Net Zero targets
Island communities	The rural and islands college merger may have an impact on the Western Isles and islands covered by West Highland College that is different to other communities. As part of the merger process, the University will undertake an Island Communities Impact Assessment.
Status (e.g., confidential, non-confidential)	Non confidential
Freedom of information	Yes

Consultation How has consultation with partners been conducted?	The estates team and ELT have been consulted on the requirements for the funding offer
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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the UHI NWH Finance and General Purposes Committee

- a) approve acceptance of the successful bid for £60,000 to the Scottish Central Government Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme; and
- b) note the £15,000 match funding required from the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

OFFER OF GRANT - SCOTTISH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT SCHEME

PURPOSE

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INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 A successful bid for pre-capital funding of £60,000 has been made to Scottish Central Government Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme.
- 2.2 The grant has been provided for the technical development and production of a feasibility study to investigate suitable energy efficiency measures and low carbon heating systems for the Stornoway, Benbecula and Barra campuses within the former UHI Outer Hebrides Estate.
- 2.3 The feasibility study will provide the basis for a further application to the Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme. Up to £5m may be available to support a range of eligible measures, including:
 - Renewable and low carbon Heating Systems for all three centres
 - Energy Conservation measures for all three centres, particularly LED lighting, Insulation and draughtproofing
 - Lighting control systems for and Building management systems for the main campus
 - Heating System pipework improvements, controls, insulation at the Stornoway campus
- 2.4 A specialist consultancy company will be procured to undertake the Feasibility Study and provide the expertise to carry out the above listed work and make the necessary recommendations that will include a business case and bid documentation ready to go out to tender.
- 2.5 At the time of submission of the bid, it was proposed to allocate £15,000 from the UHI Outer Hebrides Capital Programme as match funding for the project.
- 2.6 A copy of the Offer of Grant is attached for information. Subject to the outcome of the Board's decision, the project milestones will require to be updated accordingly.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Proceeding with the project will require approval of £15,000 from the 2023/24 Capital Programme for UHI North, West and Hebrides.
- 3.2 The Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme provides 100% grant funding which will reduce the on-going energy costs of the UHI Outer Hebrides campuses.