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# Leading the Charge – Energy Saving & Tackling Climate Change

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# A Greener Game for Future Generations



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# Why energy saving and climate action are essential

- Rising energy costs are impacting clubs' viability.
- Climate change threatens the long-term sustainability of outdoor sports.
- Our clubs are vital community hubs – let's protect them for the long term.
- We have an opportunity to lead by example in Welsh sport.



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# Making sense of your survey

- What your survey includes:
  - Building fabric condition (insulation, windows, etc.)
  - Heating and hot water systems
  - Lighting
  - Energy use patterns
  - Recommendations for improvement
- Look at:
  - Quick wins (low-cost actions)
  - High-impact upgrades (e.g., heat pumps, insulation, LED lighting)
  - Prioritise based on payback period, cost, and ease of implementation



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# Turning insight into action

Step 1: Review the energy survey with key decision-makers in your club

Step 2: Identify and rank recommendations by priority

Step 3: Set realistic goals – short, medium, long-term

Step 4: Assign responsibilities and timelines

Step 5: Prepare a funding strategy

# Funding support to help you take action

## Sport Wales Energy Saving Grant

- Launching 21st May
- Supports implementation of survey recommendations
- Focus on high-impact upgrades and carbon reduction

## Welsh Government – Ynni Cymru Smart Local Energy Systems (SLES) Grant

- Supports localised energy generation and management (e.g., solar PV, battery storage)
- Ideal for clubs with larger or shared facilities



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# Sport Wales Energy Saving Grant

## Eligibility

Freeholders or leaseholders will be able to apply. For leasehold applicants, a minimum **7 years** must be remaining on the lease at the time of submission. Evidence of your lease or confirmation of freeholder consent will also be required in the application.

## Examples of projects

- Solar panels and storage batteries
- Insulation (walls, roofs, etc.)
- New windows and doors
- Lighting (not including floodlights or lighting for playing areas)
- Better heating and hot water systems (not for catering-only purposes)
- Sustainable water systems (e.g. rainwater harvesting / boreholes)

We recommend looking at **more than one project within your application** for example: Roof insulation, LED lighting and solar panels.



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# Sport Wales Energy Saving Grant

## Funding

The maximum award will be £25,000

All successful applicants will be required to contribute a minimum 20%. The energy survey cost of which can be included as part of the applicant contribution.

## Energy Survey

All clubs have received their reports and can utilise the findings to apply for funding.

## Quotes

We recommend obtaining at least one quote before submitting your Stage 1 application. This will give you an approximate cost for your project and help inform your application.



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# Sport Wales Energy Saving Grant

## Dates & Process 2025

- Submit your Expression of Interest soon as possible and you'll be invited to Stage 1 of the application. [Submit your EOI now!](#)
- Stage 1 opens 21st May 9.00
- Online drop-in clinic Tuesday 27th May 13.00-17.00
- Stage 1 closes 25th June 15.00
- Stage 2 opens 16th July 10.00
- Stage 2 closes 1st October 15.00

Projects should be completed within 12 months of grant being received. Your project will need to start **before** 31st March 2026



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# What to do next

- ✓ Review your energy survey
- ✓ Identify priority projects
- ✓ Start drafting your club's energy action plan
- ✓ Contact Cricket Wales for support or advice
- ✓ Get ready for funding applications
- ✓ Celebrate your progress and share your success

# We're with you every step of the way

- One-to-one support in reading your survey
- Help with action planning
- Guidance and templates for funding applications
- Connecting clubs with trusted suppliers and partners

# A sustainable future starts today



The future depends on what we do  
in the present.

— *Mahatma Gandhi* —



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# Questions & Answers



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