

SME SUPPORTS for **Lighting Upgrades**



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Energy efficiency can strengthen SMEs by helping them to:

- ▶ reduce energy costs
- ▶ improve sustainability
- ▶ enhance competitiveness

SEAI has launched a pilot programme to support SMEs in carrying out lighting upgrades. Typically, energy efficient lighting can save an SME between 50% to 90% on their lighting electricity costs.

Who can apply for funding?

SMEs, located in the Republic of Ireland, with less than 50 employees in the following sectors are eligible to apply:

- ▶ Fitness Centres
- ▶ General and Food Retailers
- ▶ Jewellers
- ▶ Small Hotels/Large B&Bs
- ▶ Pharmacies
- ▶ Nursing Homes

Applications can be from:

- ▶ Individual SMEs
- ▶ Groups of SMEs

Applications must entail a whole building or facility solution which would see lighting upgrades undertaken in all service areas within that building or facility.

Proposals falling outside the above targeted sectors may be considered on a case by case basis. In addition, grouped projects, outside of the targeted sectors, that demonstrate an innovative approach can also be considered.

What is supported?

SEAI will cover up to 40% of the cost of replacing existing lighting which must be in working order and in a facility that is in general use at the time of the application. Technologies covered include:

- ▶ New energy efficient light products which are on the SEAI triple E register and eligible for Accelerated Capital Allowance (ACA) (www.seai.ie/aca)
- ▶ Lighting controls

(Prospective applicants should refer to the guide for specific details on what can and what cannot be supported. See www.seai.ie/grants)



How to apply?

Relevant guidance, application form and workbook are available to download from the SEAI website

www.seai.ie/grants

In order to be eligible for consideration applications must:

- ▶ Contain a completed application form;
- ▶ Undertake a lighting survey and complete the lighting evaluation workbook. The project benefits should be analysed using the SEAI lighting evaluation calculators or similar;
- ▶ Provide a schedule of light fittings/lamps being replaced;
- ▶ Have a delivery plan and be scheduled for completion by October 13th 2017;
- ▶ Include an efficient and effective mechanism for energy use data collection, and measuring and/or verification of savings.

SEAI reserves the right to update this call for projects, revise the levels of grant funding available or to close the scheme within a specified period, should the level of demand exceed the available funding.

To find out more, visit **www.seai.ie/grants**



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