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SFSY Voucher Scheme

Eligibility – Quick Guide

Your business/organisation can make an application if:

- 1: It meets the Small to Medium Enterprise (SME) criteria
- 2: It does not operate in one of the following sectors:
 - Fishery and aquaculture sectors supported by European Fisheries Fund
 - Primary production, processing and marketing of agricultural products, supported by European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
 - Coal
 - Steel and shipbuilding sectors
 - The synthetic fibres sector
 - Generalised (school age) education
 - Banking
 - Insurance companies
 - A public sector organisation:
 - (i) a school funded by DFE
 - (ii) a privately funded school operating over the ages of 3-18
 - (iii) an organisation solely involved in offering provision under the requirement for young people to remain in education or training until their 18th birthday
- 3: It doesn't have a parent company or linked enterprise which does not meet the eligibility criteria
- 4: It has not already had the type of voucher you want to apply for
- 5: It's trading address is within the Sheffield City Region boundary
- 6: The connection or innovation will be at the registered or trading address
- 7: It is a tenant of a business park or a commercial property landlord and will get the approval of your landlord to proceed with the work
- 8: The cost of the new proposed connection is above £1000 and/or the cost of the innovation is above £5000 (excluding VAT)



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9: It's new proposed connection:

- Meets the 'step change' rule
- Is to a 30mbps or above service

10: It wants the voucher to pay for eligible expenditure

11: The Innovation is enabled through the use of broadband technology

12: It has no outstanding debts to the Local Authority such as Business Rates

13: It has not already received de-minimis aid that, together with this voucher, would exceed the threshold of €200k over a three-year fiscal period

14: It is financially viable at the time you apply

15: It has not already entered into contracts, commitments or expenditure prior to receiving a formal offer of a voucher

16: It is willing to abide by the terms and conditions of the scheme, follow the guidance, supply all information requested and sign the declaration

17: It will provide fully itemised quotes from three suppliers

Full terms and conditions and guidance are available on the main webpage.