ERDF Land and Property Grant Funding – Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District

Outlined below are the key priorities for the Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District:

- Land and Property Assistance Grants – Up to 50% of the eligible costs and up to a maximum of £100,000 funding.
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- Key Opportunities Grants – Up to 35% of the eligible project costs from a minimum grant value over £100,000.

ERDF Regional Priorities

The ERDF Programme aims to deliver a number of regional priorities and the key ones which are applicable to this project are as follows;

- To create jobs through the reuse of redundant or underused sites/premises, including the reuse of heritage sites/premises.

- Investment in the reclamation and re-use of previously developed land including under used buildings, or parts of buildings, or sites. This investment must lead to productive /business floor space for industrial/commercial uses including knowledge led businesses; creative industries, environmental technology industries, advanced manufacturing, managed workspace and incubation and innovation activities in order to bring new economic life to the area (i.e. employment growth, sales growth and increased sales)

- The sensitive reuse of historic buildings, infrastructure and other cultural heritage assets for development of new or expanded economic uses that contribute to economic impact.

Key Strategic Priorities

In addition to the ERDF Regional priorities, the project aims to address a number of local priorities within the target areas as outlined below in the following strategic documents;

- **The Birmingham Unitary Development Plan and Draft Core Strategy 2026 (Sections 5, 7, 8)**

The Birmingham Unitary Development Plan (UDP) currently provides the statutory planning policy for the city. The UDP aims to maximise economic revitalisation and urban renewal for the City and identifies Tyseley as an area of Industrial Regeneration. See www.birmingham.gov.uk/udp.

The UDP will be replaced by the Birmingham Core Strategy which has been published in draft form. Sections 5, 7 and 8 of the strategy outline the proposed planning policies which are applicable to the aims and objectives of this project and it's target areas.

The Core Strategy priorities for East Birmingham include:

- The promotion of Tyseley industrial area as an Environmental Enterprise District.
- Support for the regeneration and refurbishment of the core employment area of Tyseley.

See www.birmingham.gov.uk/corestrategy.

- **Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District - A Framework For Action, 2011**

The Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District initiative was launched in May 2011 to establish Tyseley as a principal location for resource recovery and for manufacturing and supply chain development. See www.birmingham.gov.uk/tpap.

Funding Priorities

Budget:

£2.5m: This supports both grant funding schemes for the Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District. (This level of funding will be reviewed after 6 months).

For projects applying for funding through the 'Key Opportunities' grant scheme, priority will be given to projects that can commence works by March 2013.

For both grant schemes all projects will need to be able to complete the project and deliver all outputs within the agreed timescales.

Location:

Land and Property Assistance Grants - Projects should be located within the Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District as set out on the attached map.

Key Opportunities Grants - Projects must be located in the Tyseley Environmental Enterprise District as set out on the attached map.

Eligible works:

Top priorities will be:

- Development of vacant/derelict sites/buildings;
- Extension of premises increasing workspace area;
- Internal works - structural works and alterations to walls and floors that result in new/upgraded floor space.

Environmental works/improvements are encouraged. Where improvements are above required standards, the project can fund 100% of the extra costs of fitting the improvements

Outputs:

Projects must create new or upgraded floor space **and** create or safeguard jobs.

New or upgraded floorspace meeting high levels of accredited standards e.g. BREEAM is desirable.