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RE: Temporary Halt to FIDC Green Business Program

1 May 2026 – Effectively immediately, the Falkland Islands Development Corporation (FIDC) will temporarily halt all new applications for any loan or grant connected to the FIDC Green Business Program after Executive Council deferred a decision to continue funding the Green Business Program through to the end of the current financial year (1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026).

The Green Business Program was created three (3) years ago after Falkland Islands Government (FIG) provided FIDC with £750,000 in funding for businesses in the Falkland Islands to take sustainability into account when starting up and/or expanding.

Beginning in July 2023, FIDC launched the Green Business Program, and since then, has provided circa £250,000 annually in Green loan and grant funding to businesses and individuals across the Falkland Islands.

Since the second half of 2025, FIDC has been judicious in reporting to both the FIDC Board and FIG stakeholders on the pending exhaustion of the funds in the Green Business Program, and in March 2026, alerted both the FIDC Board and FIG to the complete exhaustion in funding.

Several businesses, and especially rural businesses, had applied to FIDC under the Green Business Program during this period, which preceded FIDC submitting a paper to Executive Council, requesting an additional funding to enable FIDC to adjudicate the current applicants pending within the Green Business Program, and keep the Green Business Program running through to the end of the current financial year.

With the deferment from Executive Council, FIDC is now working with FIG to come up with a solution on how to proceed with the current pending applications and has taken the additional step of temporarily halting any new applications until such a time as FIG can provide direction on the future of the Green Business Program.

As such, FIDC will no longer be accepting new applications for any loan or grant within the Green Business Program. The loan and grant schemes impacted by this are as follows:

- Green Business Loan
- Rural Energy Grant
- Rural Energy Additional Grant

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- Developing Camp Water Systems Grant
- Electrical Vehicle (EV) Grant
- EV Charging and Infrastructure Grant
- Commercial Thermal Energy Grant
- Domestic Thermal Energy Grant
- Environmental Consultancy Grant
- Commercial Thermal Efficiency Grant
- Domestic Thermal Efficiency Grant
- Domestic Electricity Safety Check and Improvement Grant
- Environmental Consultancy Grant

FIDC regrets the temporary halt to the Green Business Program.

FIDC has noted the immediate impact this will have on the Camp community. The contribution of such schemes to the quality of life in Camp, and the ability of people to live and work in that community, is considerable. FIDC has worked hard, and will continue to work hard, to further the interests of the Camp community.

Additionally, FIDC is acutely aware that, for the large amount of Camp residents who are entitled to apply for Rural Energy Grants to replace or update power systems that are now more than a quarter of a century old, the temporary halt to the Green Business Program will be disappointing news.

Please know that FIDC is fully supportive of the Green Business Program in its current form and is working to see its continued use for both the domestic and the business communities.

Should you have any questions or queries, please reach out to FIDC directly.

Sincerely,

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