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National Grid to fund equipment for engineers of tomorrow

National Grid is offering grants of up to £1,000 to schools in Kent for science, engineering and technology equipment.

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- National Grid launches new funding scheme in Kent to promote STEM subjects and engineering as career with young pupils.
- Grant of up to £1,000 are available for new science, engineering and technology equipment.
- Primary and secondary schools in the Richborough and Canterbury area are encouraged to apply before 31 January 2018.

National Grid is calling on all primary and secondary schools in the Richborough and Canterbury area to apply for a grant of up to £1,000 for new science, engineering and technology equipment.

The energy company, who started building a new overhead line connection between Canterbury and Richborough in October, is working to promote STEM subjects and engineering as career with young pupils, and in particular girls, in order to address a skills deficit in the industry. This new scheme will help to support the teaching of STEM subjects to school children in the local community.

Additional money will also be available for schools with a high proportion of children from socially deprived backgrounds. Schools wishing to receive the funding will need to demonstrate how the grant will be used to support its pupils.

The deadline for submitting applications is midnight on **31 January 2018** and schools can apply via National Grid's grant website at betl.nationalgrid.com/application-process. The scheme is open to state-funded primary and secondary schools only.

This initiative builds on National Grid's earlier work in Kent and across the country to encourage budding young engineers to take an interest in STEM subjects.

Commenting on the scheme, Graham Dolamore, project director for the Richborough Connection project said:

"We are committed to improving STEM skills amongst young people, while also giving back to the local community in the Canterbury and Richborough area where we are carrying out our essential works. This new scheme is a great way for local schools to get hold of new science and technology equipment which will help to boost pupils' interest and understanding of STEM subjects. We encourage all eligible schools in the local area to apply before the deadline at the end of January".

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