

## Warmer Homes, Greener District grant eligibility criteria

The grants available through the Warmer Homes, Greener District discretionary grant scheme are means tested. The aim of this means test is to target the available grant assistance to those households who do not qualify for Warm Front, but whose income is below a level where they may be able to afford to pay for insulation.

### Insulation

- To be an owner occupier  
AND
- To be either aged 60 or over OR have a child under 16 living with you  
AND
- To be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:
  - Working Tax Credit (with an income of less than £16,190, which must include a disability element)
  - Child Tax Credit (with an income of less than £16,190)
  - Council Tax Benefit
  - Housing Benefit
  - Income Support
  - War Disablement Pension (which must include mobility supplement or Constant Attendance Allowance)
  - Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (which must include Constant Attendance Allowance)
  - Job Seekers Allowance (income-based)
  - Pension Credit
  - Income-related Employment & Support Allowance

### **Insulation outline criteria**

- Top up loft insulation if existing is less than 150mm – no top up beyond this; e.g. if 200mm present no top up to 270mm.
- First-time loft insulation available
- Cavity Wall insulation available for suitable properties
- Cavity wall and loft insulation are mandatory measures where heating work is being done – no heating may be installed where there is inadequate loft and cavity wall insulation.

### Heating measures

- To be an owner occupier  
AND
- To be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:
  - Working Tax Credit (with an income of less than £16,190, which must include a disability element)
  - Child Tax Credit (with an income of less than £16,190)
  - Council Tax Benefit
  - Income Support

- War Disablement Pension (which must include mobility supplement or Constant Attendance Allowance)
- Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (which must include Constant Attendance Allowance)
- Job Seekers Allowance (income-based)
- Pension Credit
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AND

- A member of the Household is either aged over 60 OR has a chronic illness which is affected by the cold; and there is no heating provision in the property.

### **Heating grant outline criteria**

- Where the applicant is Warm Front eligible they will be referred to this scheme unless the works are very urgently required, for example a resident with terminal or serious chronic illness being released from hospital.
- Heating grants are only provided where there is inadequate heating or limited heating provision, examples of this include:
  - gas fires with immersion heater, back boiler or gas multipoint
  - storage heaters just downstairs
  - coal fire with back boiler
  - portable electric heaters with immersion heater
- If there is gas central heating present it must be condemned, be beyond economical repair or have a permanent fault resulting in the applicant having no heating and/or hot water before a whole system will be replaced. To be confirmed by a 'Gas-Care' Registered Engineers report.
- Where intermittent faults are present repairs will be considered, on a case-by-case basis, following receipt of a 'Gas Care' Registered Engineers report on the system.
- Existing radiators should be retained wherever possible.
- Grants can be given to replace coal fired central heating system i.e. where coal provides either/both hot water and heating, with gas central heating, where the existing system is broken or is beyond economical repair.
- Grants are not available to properties with fully functioning storage heaters or warm air systems that provide 'whole house' heating regardless of age or model.
- Grants will not be given if the gas central heating present is working adequately regardless of the age or model.
- The grant does not provide individual maintenance and upgrade work such as additional radiators, boiler servicing, system flushes or control installations.
- Mains gas connection will only be eligible where gas is available in to the street and costs do not exceed £500.
- General 'making good' after work is expected, but the grant does not cover decoration, carpeting, pipe boxing or other cosmetic work. This type of work will always be the applicant's responsibility and at their cost.
- The grant does not provide a gas fire or surround where an existing appliance is removed. Under these circumstances the hole will be bricked up and plastered to match existing finish, allowing decoration by the applicant.
- The grant does not include any maintenance costs beyond the 12 month work guarantee or the 2-year boiler grantee. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the system is serviced and maintained properly.
- Where a property is off the gas mains system and the heating system has a permanent fault or been condemned, then alternative fuel systems may be considered on a case-by-case basis.