

Sustainable Warmth Grants

Information for Agents

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Introduction

- ▶ Oxford City Council has been awarded £1.7 million pounds of grant funding to support energy efficiency improvements in the private housing sector.
- ▶ The funding will provide grants for households most likely to be impacted by rising fuel bills.
- ▶ It is part of the Local Authority Delivery (LAD Phase 3) funding via the Greater South East Energy Hub.
- ▶ The scheme will run until March 2023. All energy-saving improvements must be completed by 31st March 2023.

Oxford City Council's Role

- ▶ Oxford City Council's role is to direct as many eligible Oxford households into the scheme as possible.
- ▶ The Council does not receive any funds directly and the programme will be delivered through a managing agent called Warmworks.

Who can benefit?

Private tenants and owner-occupiers who have a:

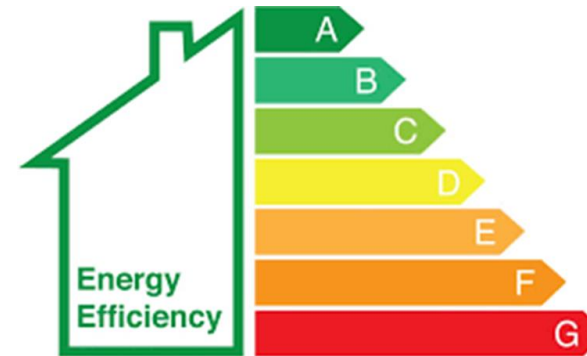
LOW INCOME

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LOW EPC

- ▶ have a household income of no more than £30,000 (before tax or any other deductions) or
- ▶ an income where cost of living is below £20,000 (i.e. after rent or mortgage costs) or
- ▶ are on means-tested benefits or
- ▶ a household composition (e.g. number of dependents) which stretches income to a position where they would be in fuel poverty

- ▶ live in a hard-to-heat house (Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D or below).



How much is the grant?

To qualify the tenant must meet the income eligibility and the landlord will need to contribute a minimum of one third towards the cost of the upgrades in addition to the grant provided.

- ▶ **Properties connected to the gas grid - up to £5000.**
- ▶ **Properties not connected to the gas grid - from £10,000 to £16,666.**

*The exact amount available is dependent on the EPC of the home and the fuel source that heats the home currently.

Landlord Contributions

- ▶ The landlord will need to contribute a minimum of one third towards the cost of the upgrades in addition to the grant provided.

Sustainable Warmth Grant	Minimum Landlord Contribution	Total Cost
£1,000	£500	£1,500
£2,000	£1,000	£3,000
£3,000	£1,500	£4,500
£4,000	£2,000	£6,000
£5,000	£2,500	£7,500

- ▶ If overall costs exceed the maximum grant available, additional investment by the landlord will be required. For example, if the total cost of upgrades is £10,000, the grant would be limited to £5,000 and a contribution of £5,000 would be required from the landlord.

* Costs and the contributions expected from the landlord will be agreed prior to commencement of work.

What works does the grant cover?

- ▶ Insulation and ventilation upgrades
- ▶ Solar panels
- ▶ Heating controls
- ▶ Upgrades to low carbon heating systems, like air source heat pumps (it does not cover boiler upgrades)
- ▶ Energy efficient lighting

Who carries out the work?

- ▶ If eligible, a comprehensive whole house assessment will be completed by a Managing Agent/Contractor.
- ▶ A package of works will be provided to the applicant, offering the best combination of carbon emission and energy bill savings, based on the grant funding available.
- ▶ The work must be organised through the Managing Agent, Warmworks and be carried out by an approved contractor. Landlords cannot organise for the work to be undertaken themselves.

What can agents do to help?

- ▶ Please share information about the grants with your landlords. If possible, target those with low EPC ratings.
- ▶ Help to communicate the benefits to landlords

More information

For more information visit:

www.oxford.gov.uk/sustainablewarmth

To check eligibility and to apply call the Energy Saving Trust:

0808 196 8255 or visit

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