



Dear Landlord,

Sustainable Warmth Grants

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.

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.

The scheme will run from 1 April 2022 to March 2023. All energy-saving improvements must be completed by 31st March 2023.

Who can benefit?

Private tenants and owner-occupiers who:

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

How much is the grant?

Privately rented properties

- 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 (see examples in the table below).
- For privately rented properties connected to the gas grid, the grant is up to £5000.
- For privately rented properties not connected to the gas grid, the grant is on a sliding scale, 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.
- If overall costs exceed the maximum grant available, additional investment by the landlord will be required. Costs and the contributions expected from the landlord will be agreed prior to commencement of work.

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 total costs exceed £7,500 then additional private/landlord investment will be required. For example, if the total cost of upgrades in £10,000, LAD Phase 3 funding would be limited to £5,000 and a contribution of £5,000 would be required.

What does the Sustainable Warmth 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 you, 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. You cannot organise for the work to be undertaken yourself.

Who applies for the grant?

- Private tenants, private landlords and owner-occupiers can apply for the grant.
- Private tenants must ensure their landlord is willing for works to be done to their property and that they understand they will have to make a financial contribution.
- Private landlords wishing to apply for the grant must discuss it with their tenants. The income eligibility relates to the property's tenants.

To check eligibility and to apply call 0808 196 8255 or visit <https://surveys.est.org.uk/s/SustainableWarmth/>

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