



## CURRENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR

### (1). MICRO GENERATION AND (2) ENERGY EFFICIENCY

This document has been written in order to encourage you to research and obtain the available grants on offer from the Government and other sources on Micro Generation and Energy Efficiency.

We've saved you the trouble of searching the web by providing the essential information and the key links for more detailed reading.

## Part 1 - Micro Generation and the Low Carbon Buildings Programme

In November 2005, the Energy Minister, Malcolm Wicks announced a new £30 million budget over 3 years to fund Micro Generation technologies throughout the whole of the UK. Microgeneration is the stand alone generation of low carbon heat and/or electricity. In March 2006's budget statement, it was announced that there would be a further £50 million for the programme. Discussions are still being held with regards to how the extra £50m will be put to use.

In England and Wales the programme is called the Low Carbon Buildings Programme and provides grants for microgeneration technologies for:

- Householders
- Community organisations
- Schools
- The public sector and businesses

The Scottish equivalent of the LCBP is the SCHRI, and the Northern Irish equivalent is the NIPF - see below for details.

The programme will run over three years. It started on 1st April 2006 and replaced DTI's Clear Skies and Solar PV programmes. Of the first £30m available £1.5m was used to deal with the transition between the previous grant schemes. The remaining £28.5m will be divided into two streams:

Stream one - £10.5m is being allocated to this stream. This applies to smaller projects for home owners and community groups among others. For household grants, the amount of grant is dependent upon the technology installed. For community grants, the size of the grant is the lower of 50% of installed cost or £50,000 regardless of the technology.

For information on grants for householders : <http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/about/hfaqs/>

STREAM 1			
£m	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9
Household	3.5	2	1
Community	1.5	1.5	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2</b>

Stream two - £18m is being allocated to this stream which is split into two further categories - retrofit/minor refurbishments and major refurbishment/new developments. Stream two applies to larger projects and includes businesses, community organisations and the public sector.

STREAM 2			
£m	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9
Retrofit/minor refurbishment	3	2	1
New Build/Major refurbishment	5	5	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

For information on grants for community organisations: <http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.co.uk/about/commfaqs/>

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## Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a grant under the Low Carbon Buildings Programme, there are a number of energy efficiency measures that you must undertake.

These measures will ensure that you are minimising your energy requirements and are as follows:

- a. You have minimum loft insulation to meet current building regulations, where practicable - e.g. 270mm of mineral wool.
- b. Installed cavity wall insulation (if you have cavity walls).
- c. Using low energy light bulbs in all appropriate light fittings.
- d. Installed basic controls for your heating system to include a room thermostat and a programmer or timer.

Technologies - There are a number of technologies that the programme will cover. These include:

- Solar photovoltaics
- Wind turbines
- Small hydro
- Solar thermal hot water
- Ground/water/air source heat pumps
- Bio-energy
- Renewable CHP
- Micro CHP (Combined heat and power)
- Fuel cells

More information on these technologies can be found on: <http://www.est.org.uk/housingbuildings/funding/lowcarbonbuildings/>

Or call the free phone helpline on 0800 915 0990.

The Northern Ireland Project Fund (NIPF) - The purpose of the NIPF was to take forward energy saving issues and projects that were important to Northern Ireland (NI). The programme closed for new applications on 21 June 2006. However there may be new grants available in the future. For further information on the NIPF go to: <http://www.est.org.uk/housingbuildings/funding>

The Scottish Community and Householder Renewables Initiative (SCHRI) - The Scottish equivalent to the LCBP is the SCHRI. This offers grants, advice and project support to assist the development of new community and household renewable schemes in Scotland. SCHRI is funded by the Scottish Executive and managed jointly by the Energy Saving Trust and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE).

For Community renewables go to: <http://www.est.org.uk/schri/community/>

For Household renewables go to: <http://www.est.org.uk/schri/household/>

SCHRI Technologies - The SCHRI also supports a range of renewable energy technologies including:

- Micro hydro-electric
- Micro wind
- Solar water heating
- Solar space heating
- Automated wood fuel heating systems (boilers and room heaters/stoves)
- Heat pumps (ground, air and water source)

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## Part 2 - Energy Efficiency

There are three main grant suppliers for energy efficiency; the Government, Energy Suppliers and Local Authorities. They offer a number of grants covering a range of energy saving measures such as loft insulation, cavity wall insulation and low energy light bulbs. Depending on the scheme, benefit, age, status circumstances and the type of housing you live in, you could be eligible for a number of offers. However, not all households will be eligible.

The Government - The UK Government funds schemes providing up to £2,500 to households on certain benefits to improve their heating and energy efficiency. In England the scheme is known as Warm Front: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/ENVIRONMENT/energy/hees/index.htm>

The Scottish equivalent is called Warm Deal:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/housing/leaflets/wdfs-00.asp>

The Northern Irish equivalent is called Warm Homes and in Wales it's called the Home Energy Efficiency Scheme. Unfortunately there are no links for these at present (14/7/06). You can however contact Eaga Partnership Ltd (the scheme manager administering Warm Front across England) who will be able to provide advice on each of the schemes in operation in Wales and Northern Ireland. Their contact details are: (free phone) 0800 316 6011. Please note that grant levels vary for each scheme.

Energy suppliers - The Government's Energy Efficiency Commitment means energy suppliers of a certain size operating in Great Britain are obliged to help achieve targets for improving home energy efficiency. The suppliers therefore provide a range of offers which significantly reduce the cost of installing energy efficiency measures. What's more, you can take up offers from any of the energy companies, regardless of who supplies your gas and electricity.

Go to the Energy Saving Trust Website for more information: <http://www.est.org.uk/>

Local authorities - It's also worth checking if your local authority may be giving out grants. Local authorities provide grants and offers for local residents to install energy efficiency measures in their home. For example, Camden Council has been giving £1000 grants for solar thermal and photovoltaics. 31 London Boroughs have signed up as partners to 'Solar for London' and are offering Solar Rewards on top of any centrally funded grants. The Solar for London website is: <http://www.solarforlondon.org.uk/>

You may also be able to find more information online at the Direct Gov website: <http://www.direct.gov.uk/HomeAndCommunity/InYourHome/SavingEnergy>

Finally, a good link if you want to search for a specific grant for energy efficiency is: <http://www.est.org.uk/myhome/gid/>

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