GRANT FUNDING GUIDE

Winter 2024

CommuniPower

Greater South East Net Zero Hub

ECO4

Energy Company Obligation

Ends 2026

WHAT IT IS:

The Energy Company Obligation focuses on supporting low-income and vulnerable and fuel poor households through installation of insulation and heating measures. May require homeowner contribution.

https://www.gov.uk/energy-company-obligation - for householders

ELIGIBILITY:

Any properties with E-G rated EPCs (D-rated are possible but unlikely) that either;

Receive means-tested benefits or Child Benefit with a low income.

or

Are social housing premises let below market rates.

Eligibility Form - for professionals applying for funding or referring: https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-08/ECO4%20Eligibility%20Requirements.pdf

HOW TO GET IT:

By shopping around for best offering between suppliers.

BUS
Boiler Upgrade Scheme

Ends 2028

WHAT IT IS:

£7,500 or £5,000 discount on the cost of a new air-source/ground-source heat pump or biomass boiler, respectively.

Will likely require homeowner contribution, depending on cost.

ELIGIBILITY:

Property owners (including owner-occupied, businesses, second homes or rented properties), if they:

- Are replacing a fossil fuel heating system (including mains electricity).
- Have a valid EPC with no recommendations for loft or cavity wall insulation.

Eligibility Form:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme/check-if-youre-eligible

HOW TO GET IT:

By contacting an MCS certified installer to get quotes for the work.

Shopping around to get competitive selection of quotes.

GBIS
Great British Insulation Scheme

Ends 2026

WHAT IT IS:

Broader version of ECO4 with focus on installing less measures into more households.

May require homeowner contribution.

ELIGIBILITY:

Two eligibility streams; general group & a low-income group.

- Properties with D-G rated EPCs.
- Properties in council tax bands A-D (for general eligibility households).
- Households on means-tested benefits; living in least efficient social housing or identified by GBIS Flex (low-income).

https://www.gov.uk/apply-great-british-insulation-scheme

HOW TO GET IT:

Energy suppliers and installers are actively outreaching to households they know to be eligible.

Households can register interest on some supplier websites or contact obligated ECO4 energy suppliers.

HUG2
Home Upgrade Grant

Ends 2025

WHAT IT IS:

Funding available for owner-occupier or private rented sector properties.
Funds insulation and heating system grants.
Requires 1/3 contribution from landlords in privately rented properties.

WHO CAN GET IT:

Properties with D-G rated EPCs.
Properties that are off of the mains gas grid for their heating supply.
Households on an income below £31,000.
or
Properties in pre-selected postcodes in IMD areas.

APPLICATION:

Check for eligibility and see the best place to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/apply-home-upgrade-grant

Scheme delivery depends which local authority a property is in.