

From mountain to sea

## Empty Homes/ Renovating your empty home - Energy Efficiency Funding



Energy efficiency schemes can vary by area, and so you are advised to check with your Council's Home Energy Advisor for what is available for you.

Considering energy efficiency measures as part of a refurbishment project can provide a number of benefits, including:

- Access to upfront loans and funding
- Increased property value
- Higher EPC (energy performance certificate) levels making the property easier to let
- Lower energy bills for either you or your tenant

Below is a summary of current funding schemes relating to energy efficiency and carbon reduction (we will seek to update this list as new information becomes available), however the sole route to the majority of domestic energy efficiency funding schemes is through **Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282**

### Scottish Grants and Discounts Database

Access the database here: <http://gidscotland.est.org.uk/SchemeWizard.aspx>

This Energy Saving Trust online grants and discounts database that will show you the best energy efficiency schemes available for your home and circumstances.

Tick all the boxes that apply, provide your information and submit. You'll be taken to list of possible schemes.

This database also applies to *all occupiers*. So once you get your property occupied again pass this database on to the new occupier. They can then check what support could be available to them based on their circumstances.

## Home Energy Scotland Loan

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/home-energy-scotland-loan>

### Who can apply?

- where the property is already owned by the intended owner occupier
- where the owner is an eligible registered private sector landlord
- Private landlords with an unoccupied property must ensure one or more tenants are in place within 30 days of the loan having been paid out to you

### Applicable energy efficiency improvements

- wall, floor, room and roof insulation
- Heating systems
- Gas connection
- Double or secondary glazing

### Applicable renewables and heating connections

- Biomass boiler/ stove
- Solar, wind turbine and hydro turbine
- Solar water heating
- Air, ground or water source to heat pump
- District heating scheme connection

Cashback grants for energy efficiency improvements are also available for a limited time and on a first come, first served basis.

Tel: **0808 808 2282** or [complete the correct contact form](#)

## Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/renewables/renewable-heat-incentive>

Under the UK Government's domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) scheme, you could receive quarterly cash payments over seven years if you install or have already installed an eligible renewable heating technology.

The eligibility requirements and rules of the scheme are on [Ofgem's website](#).

Please note that RHI appliances (e.g. Ground Source Heat Pumps) have to be funded through a loan or cash – not a grant. <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/key-term-explained/grants>

## Feed-in Tariffs (FITs)

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/renewables/feed-tariffs>

Owners who install an electricity-generating technology from a renewable or low-carbon source (such as solar PV or wind turbine) could get money from their energy supplier through the UK Government's Feed-in Tariffs scheme.

These feed in tariffs are also applicable if the property is rented out.

## **The Resource Efficient Scotland SME Loan**

<http://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/SMELoan>

The Scottish Government can supply unsecured loans of up to £100,000 for resource-efficient projects in Scotland. If you are a small to medium enterprise (SME), based in Scotland you may be eligible.

Projects could include:

- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning upgrades
- Building fabric – including insulation, draught-proofing, double and secondary glazing
- Renewables – from solar PV to wind turbines to wood-burning stoves
- Water saving – be it installing a grey water system, harvesting the rain, or simply installing water-efficient tap

Contact: [www.resourceefficientscotland.com/content/contact-us](http://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/content/contact-us)

## **Information and Case Studies**

### **Retrofit Scotland**

<http://www.retrofitscotland.org/case-studies/>

Retrofit Scotland provides information on refurbishment projects and best practice. Their large collection of Case Studies offer examples of energy efficient refurbishment to most of Scotland's common house types:

### **Material Considerations: A Library of Sustainable Building Materials**

<http://www.ads.org.uk/a-library-of-sustainable-building-materials/>

Architecture and Design Scotland's Material Considerations: A Library of Sustainable Building Materials at The Lighthouse in Glasgow showcases sustainable, traditional and emerging low carbon building products.

### **Merchants Empty Homes Discounts**

If your property has been unoccupied for more than 6 months there are a number of national building material suppliers who offer 'empty homes discounts' through the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership. See separate info sheet for details.

This may assist you to select the most energy efficient materials available for your property.

✉ **Contact Aberdeenshire Council if you have an empty home and would like further advice:** [emptyhomes@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:emptyhomes@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

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