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Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL)

Blackpool Council is working with local authorities in Lancashire to help households access funding for energy-related improvements to their homes.

If your property is suitable you may be able to have a number of energy efficiency improvements installed in your home for free including loft insulation and cavity wall insulation.

Green Homes Grants

The government's Green Homes Grant is now available to Blackpool residents.

The grant is worth up to £10,000 per property and eligible measures are free for owner-occupiers. Landlords can apply but a contribution will be expected.

This means that you could get your home winter-ready and the 'Cosy Homes in Lancashire' initiative will pick up the bill to help you get warmer, and stay warmer in future for less money.

If you and your property are eligible, the following energy efficient measures may be covered by the grant:

- Insulation (solid wall insulation, loft/cavity, room in roof and underfloor)
- Renewable heating technologies
- Energy efficient external doors and window upgrades (single glazed to double glazed)

You may be eligible if:

- your property has a low Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of band D, E, F or G
- you own the home (including shared ownership and park homes on residential sites)
- you are in receipt of any benefits
- you are a residential Landlord
- the occupants of the home have a combined gross annual household income of less than £30,000 per year and have savings under £16,000

The quickest and easiest way to check your eligibility and apply, is online via [Cosy Homes in Lancashire](#).

Free first time gas central heating systems

Blackpool Council were successful in securing funding for first time gas central heating systems, including free gas connection where appropriate to qualifying households. The offer is free to qualifying owner occupiers, however private rented households will need a contribution from the Landlord.

To find out if you qualify, either call [Cosy Homes in Lancashire](#) on 03306 061 488 or contact Care and Repair on 01253 476646.

Energy company obligation (ECO)

Launched in January 2013, the energy company obligation is a government regulation that requires the largest UK energy suppliers to work towards cutting the UK's carbon footprint and fund energy efficiency measures in an effort to reduce fuel bills in domestic customers' homes.

Local Government Flexible Eligibility (LA Flex)

The government brought in a regulation that local authorities could make a declaration that a household was vulnerable under certain criteria even if they did not qualify for ECO.

The criteria is set out in a statement of intent which has been jointly agreed by all Lancashire authorities including Blackpool Council.

[View the current Statement of Intent.](#)

Loft insulation

The scheme can deliver loft insulation to any domestic property in Lancashire, however, there may be a cost as currently there is no funding for free loft insulation. The insulation will be installed to a recommended thickness of 270 mm. (subject to survey).

Boilers

The [CHiL scheme](#) is able to provide a wide range of energy efficiency measures including, replacement high quality condensing boilers and first time central heating, dependent on benefit criteria being met and subject to survey.

In instances where the criteria is not met, the scheme can still offer a very competitive deal for a new boiler on an able to pay basis.

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