



Energy Efficiency Grant, Round 4 (7 May 26 – 31 March 27)

Introduction

The Energy Efficiency Grant is provided to help householders in the Fintry area pay for improvements to their homes that will result in energy and carbon savings. The maximum value for the grant is £1,000 and houses must be in the Fintry Community Council area. Each household can receive only one grant per round of funding. There is a ringfenced amount of £50,000 available for this grant. Funds will be allocated on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

Improvements eligible for the grant

A wide range of house improvements will be eligible for the grant. Please see the application form below for more details.

Application Process

The grant is intended to be simple and straightforward to apply for. The application form is brief and can be completed either on paper or electronically. The application form is attached.

The steps to apply and receive funding are –

1. You fill in and submit the application form either on paper or electronically and include copies of quotes or estimates for the work you wish to carry out using the grant. Grants will not be awarded for improvement already undertaken.
2. Within a week, we will tell you that your application has been received and give you an application number.
3. Once your application has been considered we will tell you if it has been successful or not. If it has not been successful, we will tell you why not. We will do this within four weeks unless there are aspects of your application which require further clarification.
4. If your application has been successful, we will transfer the grant amount to your bank account soon after notifying you of your application's success.
5. Once you have received the grant, please let us know by emailing us at grants@fintrydt.org.uk. Once we know you have received the grant, we will delete your account information from our system in accordance with data protection legislation.
6. Once the work has been completed you will send us **copies of receipts** and **at least two photographs** of the installation **within 6 months of receiving your grant**.

To submit an application on paper, please post it in the black box (marked FDT) under the FDT noticeboard in the Sports Club. If you have any questions, please email us at grants@fintrydt.org.uk

Grant Conditions

1. Measures installed must result in a reduction in energy use and show carbon savings.
2. Only one grant will be allocated per household, per round of funding. This grant must be completed (by returning evidence to us) before applying for a grant in a subsequent funding round.
3. Existing properties only. New builds occupied for at least 3 years from receipt of a Completion Certificate are also eligible.
4. Quotes/invoices must be provided with the application form.
5. If planning permission is required for your energy efficiency project, this must be in place BEFORE applying for a grant.
6. Grants will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis, dependant on the date the application form is received by the trust.
7. Maximum grant amount is £1,000. There is a ring-fenced amount of £50,000 for this grant.
8. Payment will be made directly to the householder and evidence of its agreed use **must** be supplied to the Trust after completion of works by providing receipts of payment and at least 2 photographs **within six months of receiving your grant**.
9. Grants should not be applied for if the works are not going to be completed within the six-month period.
10. You may be contacted in future to provide information about the effect of the measures installed to help FDT gauge the overall impact of the grants.
11. The awarding of this fund is ultimately at the discretion of FDT. The Trust may seek input from their Renewables Consultant to assist in the decision-making process.
12. Except in exceptional circumstances, grants will not be awarded for improvement already undertaken. Grants will not be awarded retrospectively.
13. An Energy Efficiency Grant cannot be given if the evidence from a previous round of funding has still to be received. **All paperwork from the previous funding round must be completed before a new grant will be approved.**
14. **Failure to comply with the above conditions may result in you being asked to repay the grant to the FDT and exclude you from any future FDT grant schemes.**
15. Everyone will be treated with dignity and respect at Fintry Development Trust. Bullying and harassment of any kind are in no-one's interest and will not be tolerated in the workplace; this includes bullying or harassment of staff by visitors or residents. **If bullying or harassment occurs, the person responsible will be excluded from applying for any further FDT grants.**

Application Form

Name:
Address and postcode:
Email:
Phone:
Are you a member of FDT? Yes / No / Don't know (please circle) If not, we would encourage you to join. Membership is only £1 (one-off fee) and will ensure that you are first to hear about the Trust's activities, projects and grants. It also allows you to attend our AGM and stand for the Board, should you wish to. Send me a membership application form: Yes please / No thanks (please circle)

Description of Project:

The following are the types of improvements that are likely to receive funding. Further measures not listed will be considered at the discretion of FDT. **Please indicate, by ticking one or more of the measures below, what you wish to use the grant for:**

Renewable technologies:

All renewable technologies must be installed by an accredited installer, please follow the link for more information: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/tool/renewables-installer-finder/>

- ☐ Wind Turbine
- ☐ Solar Photovoltaic
- ☐ Solar Thermal
- ☐ Ground Source Heat Pump, Air Source Heat Pump, Water Source Heat Pump, Exhaust Air Heat Pump
- ☐ Biomass
- ☐ MVHR (Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery)
- ☐ Woodburning stove*
- ☐ Hydro Electric System
- ☐ Battery storage
- ☐ Replacement of old (large) storage heaters for modern, slim line storage heaters
- ☐ Upgrade of a distribution system (radiators/pipework)
- ☐ Installation of a low energy pump to replace existing
- ☐ Upgrading of heating controls (timer, thermostat, zonal control, and thermostatic radiator valves)
- ☐ Replacing/upgrading/repairing renewable technologies

***A note about wood burning stoves and their environmental impact**

FDT acknowledges that wood fuel particulate can be hazardous, as is all particulate from any combustible material. For the moment, we are continuing to offer Energy Efficiency grants for the installation or upkeep of wood burning stoves and suggest the following measures to reduce the environmental impact of burning wood:

- we encourage the use of stoves, as opposed to open fires, and support only the burning of seasoned local logs, rather than coal, wet or green wood or other combustibles, as such, we aim to minimise the type and quantity of particulate being released.
- Please see the information below on improving safety by regular professional sweeping of chimneys and flues:
 - https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/library/burnbetter/?utm_id=120206064164010206
- We would like to **encourage applicants to install stoves which comply with Eco Design ready standards which can reduce particulate matter by 90%:**
 - <https://www.hetas.co.uk/consumer/advice-hub/advice-articles/ecodesign-explained/>

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- ☐ Cavity wall insulation, solid wall insulation, loft insulation, flat roof insulation, under/floating floor insulation
- ☐ Hot water tank jacket
- ☐ Pipe lagging
- ☐ Draught proofing
- ☐ Replacing old single glazed windows, or old double-glazed windows with low-E double glazing
- ☐ Replace old external doors with new, draft-proof external doors
- ☐ Heating system upgrades /boiler efficiency check (the grant does not cover annual servicing contracts or charges).
- ☐ LED bulbs
- ☐ Household energy resilience (e.g. battery packs in case of power cuts)
- ☒ Thermal Imaging: Internal Thermal Scans; Smoke Blower Testing; full thermal image scan and report by Thermal Image UK [THERMAL IMAGING SCOTLAND \(thermalimageuk.com\)](https://www.thermalimageuk.com)

Other

- ☐ **OTHER**, please specify below the details of your energy efficiency project and how it meets the grant criteria:

Additional Information (if you would like to detail any further information about your project which you feel is relevant, please do so below):

Declaration of Self-Interest

Grant applicants should declare any interests which anyone named on the application has with any individual, organisation or supplier involved in the energy efficiency project; or any interest that might be perceived to influence the applicant's objectivity in selecting a supplier/installer:

Person(s) on application:	
Interests:	

For example, it may be that a relative owns the building supplies company you plan to purchase insulation from. This needs to be declared but does not necessarily restrict you from receiving a grant. FDT need to be aware of any connections to make an informed decision, and this provides full disclosure of who will benefit from the FDT grant. Any questions, please contact us:

grants@fintrydt.org.uk

Finance:

Please attach a quote from your preferred supplier(s) with this application form or provide screenshots and costing of goods if undertaking the work yourself

Please state amount requested (up to £1000): £
Preferred supplier(s):
Quote attached?
When will work commence:
When will work be completed by:

Your Bank Details

Bank:	
Account Name:	
Account Number:	
Sort Code:	

How to Apply

Completed paper forms to be returned to the black box (marked FDT) under the FDT noticeboard in the Sports Club. Completed electronic forms should be returned to grants@fintrydt.org.uk

We will confirm receipt of your application and provide you with an application reference number within 1-week of receiving your application.

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING BEFORE YOU RETURN YOUR FORM:

- ☐ **Have you attached a quote(s)?**
- ☐ **Do you have planning permission for the work being undertaken (if appropriate)?**
- ☐ **Do you / your supplier have capacity to undertake the above work within the next 6-months?**
- ☐ **Have you carefully read all the grant conditions above and agree to abide by them?**
Please note that failure to comply with the above conditions may result in you being asked to repay the grant to the FDT and exclude you from any future FDT grant schemes.

Signed by Applicant:

Print Name:

Date: