



Energy Efficiency Funding

When renovating an empty property, it's always worth considering energy efficiency improvements and measures, these can provide benefits including:

- Access to certain grants, discounts and funding schemes
- Increased property value
- Higher EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) levels to meet future minimum energy efficiency standards if you plan to rent out the property
- Lower energy usage, which can reduce bills

Energy Efficiency Improvements and Funding

Home Energy Scotland (HES) have schemes relating to domestic energy efficiency and carbon reduction. They can offer free, impartial advice and support to help make your house warmer for less, whilst reducing your carbon footprint. Their online [Home Energy Check](#) tool will give a personalised report on your property, or alternatively you can call them to speak to an adviser on **0808 808 2282**.

The HES online funding finder shows grants, discounts and funding options for various energy efficiency improvements which may be available to you for your home, depending on where you live and your circumstances.

You can access the tool here: [Funding Finder - Home Energy Scotland HUB](#)

This database applies to **all occupiers**. So, if you rent out your property you can pass this database on to tenants. They can then check what support could be available to them based on their circumstances by using the self-assessment tool - [Home Energy Scotland HUB](#)

Home Energy Scotland Grant and Loan Scheme

The HES Grant and Loan Scheme provides homeowners in Scotland either, a grant, interest free loan, or a combination of both. This is for the installation of clean heating systems and further energy efficiency measures. You can apply for the HES Grant and Loan Scheme if the property is an existing property located in Scotland, and you are the homeowner – you own the home you live in and it is your only or primary private residence.

You **do not** need to be in receipt of benefits to qualify for the HES Grant and Loan Scheme. A rural uplift is available to households in remote rural and island areas, as well as off-gas accessible rural areas, as defined by the Scottish Government's [Urban Rural Classification](#).

For full details of on how much funding you could get on various energy efficiency measures and improvements please visit: [Home Energy Scotland Grant and Loan](#) or telephone **Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282** to talk to an advisor for further advice.

Home Renewables Technology

If you are interested in home renewables technologies, but are not sure where to start, the Energy Saving Trust has an online tool to help assist you with what may suit your property. It has advice on how they work, potential savings you could make and case studies. It can also advise on where to find certified renewables installers. You can access it here: [EST Renewables Selector - Home Page](#)

Smart Export Guarantee (SEG): earn money for exporting the renewable electricity you have generated

If you have installed solar PV panels or other eligible renewable electricity generation in your home or business, you may be able to earn money through the Smart Export Guarantee (SEG). This government-backed scheme means households can get paid for renewable electricity they've generated but not used. For further details visit: [Smart Export Guarantee \(SEG\)](#)

Private Rented Sector Landlords

For landlords looking to improve the energy efficiency of their rental properties, there is help and advice available - [Energy efficiency support for private sector landlords | Home Energy Scotland](#)

The Private Rented Sector Landlord Loan

[The Private Rented Sector Landlord Loan](#) is funded by the Scottish Government to help landlords make various improvements to the energy efficiency of their properties and help meet minimum standards.

Who can apply?

Registered private landlords, acting either as an individual or a business that owns privately rented properties, can apply. Funding is only available for businesses owned:

- by an individual in their capacity as a sole trader
- by some or all of the members of an incorporated association in trust for the association
- by either: a limited company; a limited liability partnership; a trust; a partnership; a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; or a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, or
- in any other capacity which Energy Saving Trust or the Scottish Government considers to be a business.

Applications will only be accepted from individuals or official representatives of the business that will own the equipment, materials and property at the time the loan is paid. Applications will not be accepted from installers, property developers, letting agents or self-builders.

Eligible Properties

- Funding will only be offered to landlords for improvements to domestic dwellings in Scotland which are listed on the [Scottish Landlord Register](#) and are not used as a holiday or second home.
- The property must be registered with the [Scottish Assessors Association](#) as paying domestic council tax rates.
- The property must already be built – it cannot be under construction.
- Properties must be currently occupied by at least one tenant or will have at least one tenant in place within 30 days of the loan being paid.

For full details of which energy efficiency improvements are available and the terms and conditions of the loan, please visit [Private Rented Sector Landlord Loan | Home Energy Scotland](#)

Contact **Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282** to get impartial advice about your property or properties, which will help decide the best options for you.

Merchants Discounts for Empty Homes

The Scottish Empty Homes Partnership has collated a list of businesses that provide discounts for individuals with empty homes. [SEHP - Merchant Discounts](#)

✉ **Contact** emptyhomes@moray.gov.uk for further information and guidance relating to bringing empty homes back into use

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