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Green Homes Grants available for low-income properties

Residents in private properties in Warwick District can apply for funding to improve the energy efficiency of their home through the Sustainable Warmth Competition.

Funded by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and delivered by the Council's delivery partner E.ON with support from Act On Energy, the scheme aims to help improve the energy efficiency of low income private households in the District with free improvements to their home including solar PV panels, insulation and air source heat pumps.

To be eligible, residents must:

- Own and live in their home; **and**
- Have a gross household income of less than £30,000 year **OR** someone in the home receives a means tested benefit **and**
- Have an EPC rating of D, E, F or G; if the home doesn't have an EPC rating then E.ON will arrange this for you if they think that your property is energy inefficient

Funding is provided up to a maximum of £10,000 per property subject to the terms and conditions of the grant, with the work carried out by a Trustmark registered contractor.

Councillor Jan Matecki, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Assets said: "We recognise the importance of improving the energy efficiency of people's homes not only for the climate, but also for the difference it makes to energy bills. Now has never been a more important time to do this, so I would encourage everyone eligible to get in touch and see what improvements can be made to your home to make it warm and affordable."

Sarah Farmer, Director of Residential Solutions at E.ON, said: "Improving the energy efficiency of homes across the UK is key to meeting the nation's net-zero targets, and can dramatically improve people's living conditions, by helping to increase their comfort and reduce their energy bills.

"We're delighted to be bringing these benefits to households across parts of Warwickshire as we continue to work with Warwick District Council to install energy efficiency measures, such as insulation, solar panels or air source heat pumps, in the homes of eligible residents."

Applications are being made through local charity Act On Energy, with E.ON Energy Solutions carrying out the installations. For more information about the scheme including details on how to apply, visit www.warwickdc.gov.uk/greenhomesgrants or call Act On Energy on 0800 988 2881 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm).

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Funding is also available to private landlords for rented properties and further details of this element of the scheme will be available soon.

Warwick District Council recently produced a leaflet signposting residents to government and local support packages, as well as organisations that are able to offer advice during these difficult times.

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Act On Energy are a local energy charity that can help residents understand their current energy spend and provide support and guidance around energy efficiency and fuel debt. www.actonenergy.org.uk

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