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Grant funding to help low income families have warmer homes

Basingstoke and Deane residents living in cold homes and struggling to pay their fuel bills can still apply for a council grant to make energy-efficient home improvements.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to residents living in inefficient homes with a household income of less than £30,000 for improvements such as solar panels, park home insulation, solid wall insulation and low carbon heating systems, such as air source heat pumps.

Residents who rent their homes are also eligible, with grant funding for 66% of the costs, up to £5,000 with their landlords contributing the remaining third.

The funding is available through the government's Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery scheme. The borough council is working with partners, led by Portsmouth City Council and managed by AgilityEco, to deliver the energy-saving measures and reduce local fuel poverty.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Natural Environment and Climate Improvement Cllr Mark Ruffell said: "Although we are currently in the summer months, it is never too early to think about making our homes more efficient. Doing so will not only save resident's money by helping reduce energy bills, but will also help to reduce carbon emissions. This supports our council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy which aims to achieve a carbon-free borough by 2030.

"I would urge all eligible residents to apply to the scheme to find out what measures might be suitable for their homes."

Applications to the scheme are open and funding will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, with measures to be installed by September 2021. For more information and to apply visit www.warmerhomes.org.uk/insulation

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