



COVID Winter Grant Scheme

Plymouth Energy Community (PEC) is working with Plymouth City Council to provide the energy support element of the *Government COVID Winter Grant Scheme*. The grants are for people whose ability to pay for heating or electricity is impacted by Covid, putting them at risk of fuel poverty.

Plymouth Energy Community will be contacting residents it has supported previously, and who may be eligible. You may ask a professional* to refer you to the scheme if you think you may qualify.

The scheme can help:

- Pay towards your heating and electricity bills – both pre-payment meters and credit meters.
- Pay for gas safety checks if yours are overdue, repair heating or hot water systems if they break down during the grant period.
- Provide essential white goods if yours are broken or you do not have one.

The fund is mainly aimed at supporting families with children under 19 years of age, although some grants will be available for others who are at risk of fuel poverty.

Please note we are unable to accept self-referrals at this time.

Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if:

- Your ability to meet your energy bills has dropped due to the impact of Covid-19.

AND EITHER

- Your total household income is less than £30,000 after housing and energy costs.

OR

- You are in the receipt of qualifying benefits (see the end of this document)

How should I apply?

- You must ask a professional to refer you using the grant application form. We will check your eligibility and a grant or repair may be made.
- Send applications to covidwintergrants@plymouthenergycommunity.com along with the evidence requested for the help you need.

Applications opened on 4th January 2021.

By making an application you understand that knowingly providing incorrect or false information in order to claim COVID WINTER GRANT SCHEME support is considered to be fraudulent. Instances and details will be shared with Devon Audit Partnership and police for investigation and could result in prosecution.



ELIGIBLE BENEFITS

<p>Means tested benefits</p> <p>Income based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) Income related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) Income Support Pension Credit Child Tax Credit Working Tax Credit Universal Credit Or household receives child benefit and has income under £30,000 once housing and energy bills met</p>	<p>Disablement based benefits</p> <p>Attendance Allowance Constant Attendance Allowance Carers Allowance Disability Living Allowance Industrial Injuries Disability Benefit Personal Independence Payment Severe Disablement Allowance Armed Forces Independence Payment Pensions Mobility Supplement</p>
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*Professionals include PSAs, social workers, health visitors, charity workers or food bank workers.