

Overview of Energy Grants OCTOBER 2006

Home Energy Efficiency Scheme – HEES

Insulation grants aimed at families with children under 16 worth up to £2,000. HEES Plus insulation and heating system grants worth up to £3,600 aimed at lone parent families on benefit, those who are 60 and on benefit or over and the chronically sick or disabled. There is also a grant for Oil central heating worth up to £5,000 where mains gas is not available. Please note that with all these grants eligibility is checked and the actual work is specified following a visit from an approved surveyor.

There is a non means tested partial grant worth up to £500 for householders over 60 **or** householders who have had a leasehold interest in a property for more than 21 years. HEES is a national government scheme and not a local authority grant scheme. The local authority promotes the scheme and if applicable provides the necessary permissions for work to be carried out on its own domestic stock but plays not part in its administration.

For further information or to apply for a grant please ring.

Tel 0800 316 2815

Or Web site www.eaga.co.uk/ContactUs/wales_contact_details.htm

Note that a free benefit entitlement check is **available to all**. Apply for the entitlement check via EAGA on Tel 0800 3166 010.

Insulation Projects

It is likely that until April 2007 Domestic & General Insulation Ltd will still be working on a scheme to insulate all local authority domestic properties within the Vale of Glamorgan. The Vale of Glamorgan Council has provided Domestic & General Insulation Ltd with a letter of introduction to private residents while they are working on the Vale of Glamorgan Council scheme. There is some financial assistance via energy utility providers for insulation measures for all householders although the amount will depend on personal circumstances, but the situation is changing from month to month and so it is not possible to publish any firm guidance on grant levels. Domestic & General Insulation Ltd can inform householders of what grants are available but the Vale of Glamorgan Council recommends that householders “shop around” by contacting the range of utility providers to check that they are getting the best deal available at any time.

For those who have lived in the homes for over 21 years or are over 60 please note the HEES grant assistance grant of £500 which is non means tested. Contact EAGA on the telephone number listed above for further details.

Health Through Warmth

For householders with a long standing debilitating illness the Vale of Glamorgan Council can offer help via the Health Through Warmth scheme. The aim of the scheme being to provide an adequately heated and well insulated home. To achieve this our Health Through Warmth coordinator can

“hand hold” clients through the grant application process, search for grants where availability might not be immediately apparent, for example from charitable organizations. And finally if a crisis situation is identified, provide emergency heating equipment and help to find a more permanent solution. The Health Through Warmth coordinator can be contacted on 01446 709847.

CLEARSKIES – ceased operating in April 2006 but was replaced by the LOW CARBON BUILDINGS PROGRAM.

(web site www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk)

Here householders can apply for grants for renewable energy systems such as:

Solar Thermal

Solar PV (photovoltaics – or generating electricity from sunlight)

Wind Turbines

Micro/small Scale Hydro Turbines

Ground Sourced Heat Pumps

Room heaters/stoves with automated wood pellet feed

Wood fuelled boiler systems

Contact 0800 915 0990 or email info@lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk for further information

Useful Web Links

- ▶ www.ukace.org Association for the Conservation of Energy
- ▶ www.centralheating.co.uk Central Heating Information Council
- ▶ www.sedbuk.com Check the efficiency of your chosen boiler.
- ▶ www.saveenergy.co.uk Energy Savings Trust website with lots of tips on how to save energy
- ▶ www.energywatch.org.uk Gas and Electricity consumer watchdog
- ▶ www.est.org.uk/solar Grants for photovoltaic installations
- ▶ www.eaga.co.uk Information on HEES grants.

- ▶ www.solartradeassociation.org.uk Information on providers of solar technology and installations
- ▶ www.ipcc.ch Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- ▶ www.powershift.org.uk Providing information on technologies and grants for more environmentally friendly vehicles

- ▶ www.cat.org.uk The Centre for Alternative Technology
- ▶ www.energyinst.org.uk The Energy institute
- ▶ www.natenergy.org.uk The National Energy Foundation
- ▶ www.met-office.gov.uk The UK Meteorological office
- ▶ <http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/> The Low Carbon Buildings Program