

GRANTS AVAILABLE THROUGH HOMELIFE HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY

No retrospective grants will be awarded. All grants are available within the former Carlisle district area, those **highlighted** are available to residents across the whole Cumberland area.

Name of Scheme/ Grant & Aim	Examples of Eligible Work (work must also meet the aims of the scheme)	Client Eligibility	Maximum Award & How to Apply	Additional Information
DEMENTIA FRIENDLY GRANT To help people with dementia or memory impairment to make changes to the home that would support them to live in their own home safely.	<p>Examples of measures may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour and contrast decorating • Gas safety taps • Carbon monoxide/ cold / heat alarms • Lighting • Safety flooring • Key- safes • Digital technology 	<p>A member of the household diagnosed or awaiting diagnosis for a dementia related condition or memory problems</p> <p>Ideally referral should be from a health professional or the community sector</p> <p>Not subject to a means-test</p> <p>All tenures</p>	<p>Up to £5,000</p> <p>To apply complete DHG application form and either have a referral from a health or third sector professional or provide evidence of condition</p>	<p>Carlisle district only</p>
HOSPITAL DISCHARGE AND SHORT TERM CARE NEEDS GRANT To either prevent a hospital admission or to enable discharge from hospital or another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One off contract cleans • Key-safes • Financial support with short term stair lift rentals under 12 months • Assistive technology or equipment • Furniture relocation • Equipment that is not supplied by another statutory agency 	<p>Individuals who require the work to meet the aims of the grant.</p> <p>Must be referred by a health or social care professional.</p> <p>No means test</p>	<p>Up to £5,000</p> <p>Must be referred by a health or social care professional</p>	<p>Does not include minor adaptations or work that would traditionally be carried out through the Mandatory DFG process.</p> <p>Grants to support hospital discharge only are available across Cumberland</p>

institutionalised care setting				
SAFE & WARM GRANT To keep households safe & warm To reduce accidents and risks in the home To promote independent living To assist with hospital discharge or prevent hospital admission	<p>HOME OWNERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency measures • Extra radiators / heating repairs • Double glazing including doors • Electrical safety • Damp-proofing • One-off contract cleans • Key-safes • Roofing repairs • Private water supply • Re-pointing where it is causing penetrating damp • Gutter repairs • Asbestos removal <p>TENANTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-off contract cleans • Key-safes • Draught-proofing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In receipt of a means-tested benefit or tax credits OR • Income £26,000 NET (take home) p.a. for 1 or 2 persons; £32,000 K for 3 person or £38,000 K for 4-person households <p>MINUS deductions for rent or mortgage AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savings less than £23,500 AND • Have a chronic health condition impacted by housing condition or be in receipt of a disability benefit OR • Be a carer OR • Be over 60 years old <p>Due to prioritisation of funding, meeting the criteria above does not guarantee an award of funding.</p>	<p>Up to £10,000</p> <p>To apply complete DHG application form and provide evidence of income, savings and health issues</p> <p>The HIA will need evidence of home ownership and will carry out a land registry check. Consent will be required from parties who may have an interest in the property such as joint or shared owners</p> <p>The maximum award in most cases will be lower due to the necessary prioritisation of funding</p>	<p>Works will be registered as a local land charge and works over £5,000 that have added value to the property may be recovered if the property is sold within the next 10 years</p> <p>Measures that are NOT eligible for Safe and Warm Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furnishings such as carpets and curtains – unless specialist safety flooring • Work to non-habitable rooms such as garages, basements, outhouses and porches • Work that is covered by insurance • Work that is covered by a government scheme such as the ECO energy schemes although the grant can be used towards client contribution to the costs of such measures

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work or measures that are another statutory agency's responsibility
GAS SAFE CHARITY Foundations Independent Living Trust (F.I.L.T.) To prevent risks of unsafe gas appliances	Measures can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gas Safety Checks Gas Servicing Gas Boiler Repairs Gas Boiler Replacements Gas Boiler Combustion Analysis Gas Cookers Gas Fires Gas Pipework Gas Meters Gas Water Heaters 	Applicants must live in privately owned accommodation AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a disability OR Low household income OR considered exceptionally vulnerable by the HIA 	Maximum value of £500 per intervention and only one intervention per year but may include more than 1 measure at a time. Can be used towards the cost of a larger measure, such as a gas boiler replacement or pipework, but not radiators Apply via Homelife HIA	Available across Cumberland
HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply and fit carpets Boiler repair or replacements Replace gas fire with electric Supply beds &/or mattresses Electric cookers White goods 	In receipt of a means-tested benefit OR Savings below £5000, discretion may be used in situations where the household has savings of more than £5000 but less than £10,000 and the required measures, including associated support costs, exceed £1000.	Scheme average of 2 measures per property Contact Homelife to apply directly. Referrals also accepted Unless there are exceptional circumstances, all households applying for HSF via Homelife will receive a home visit to assess for further support that can be provided.	Information about household composition (such as number and ages of adults and children, whether a member of the household is disabled, a carer or a care leaver) will need to be taken for recording purposes. Income details will be requested as part of the application process and it will be considered whether the application is in the spirit of the HSF.
ELECTRICAL SAFETY FUND <i>(Pending confirmation expected by end of November)</i>	Measures can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCD Plugs Small electrical items such as heated blankets Electrical Condition Reports 	All households who receive a home visit will be considered for funding	No separate application form required.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Larger measures such as additional sockets			
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OTHER SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS ACROSS CUMBERLAND

OTHER HELP AVAILABLE	Example of Eligible Work	Client Eligibility	How to Apply	Additional Info
Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) 2	Various low carbon energy efficiency measures including: ASHP Ground source heat pumps Solar PV Under floor insulation Internal and external wall insulation Fabric first approach (insulation will be prioritised)	EPC D-G, off-gas property AND Live in IMD 1-3 postcode area OR Household income of less than £36k gross If privately rented property will also need landlord permission and contribution. Landlord must own fewer than 5 rental properties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Cumberland Council Residents 0330 056 5698. • For Westmorland and Furness Residents 01768 212 348 https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/housing/warm-home-grants/energy-efficiency-upgrades-gas-homes-cumbria	As Cumbria is a large geographical area, we will deliver the scheme in Delivery Batches focused on Local Authority areas such as the Allerdale area and the Eden area. This way we will target smaller areas for speed of installations and reduce Contractor travelling times.
ECO 4 Delivery of energy efficiency measures to domestic properties funded by energy suppliers.	OWNER OCCUPIER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulation • Glazing • Heating repair or replacement for broken heating systems • First time central heating • District heating connections • Renewables including heat pumps, solar, biomass • Electric heating or Electric Storage Heaters • Heating Controls PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR Most of the measures as for Owner Occupier properties but must receive at least one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Wall Insulation 	Owner occupied properties must have an EPC of D-G and privately rented properties must have an EPC of E-G. ‘MAIN’ ECO (HHCRO): Households must be in receipt of a qualifying means tested benefit. ECO4 FLEX: You could be eligible for ECO4 Flex if you meet one of these criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your household has an annual income of less than £31,000 (before tax) • a person in your household has a severe or long-term health condition that is adversely affected by living in a cold home, and is due to a cardiovascular condition, a respiratory disease, limited mobility or immunosuppression. 	All potentially eligible households can apply via an ECO-registered contractor. Homelife are able to provide a list of contractors who have been onboarded to work with ECO4 Flex in Cumberland. The ECO contractor will need to collect evidence of eligibility which may include benefits awards letters, a form from your GP, bank statements and wage slips.	Companies are required to take a ‘fabric first’ approach and must improve the EPC of the property to either C or D. This means that the measured offered may be different to your preferred measures. Available across Cumberland

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First time central heating • Renewable heating • District heating connection <p>INFILL Households that are not eligible for ECO funding may still receive it if the measure is to be installed over a group of properties and a high percentage of these households qualify for funding (for example, wall insulation for a block of flats)</p>	<p>There are also other criteria that can be used to identify eligible low-income, vulnerable and fuel-poor households. Full details of the eligibility routes can be found in the Statement of Intent.</p> <p>Further details available: https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/housing/warm-home-grants/energy-company-obligation-eco</p>		
Fuel Poor Network Extension Scheme	New or replacement gas services to existing domestic dwellings	<p>Designed to help those in fuel poverty. In general terms this would mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household income is quite low as well as spending more than average on heating or • A member of your household receives certain benefits or support due to health issues or • Based on an assessment of your household and property circumstances 	<p>Via Communitas: 0113 4862941 hello@ce-cic.org.uk www.ce-cic.org.uk (online form)</p>	Homelife may be able to assist with this as part of a grant application.
Cumbria Action for Sustainability Cold to Cosy Scheme	Free energy advice and equipment including draught-proofing	Wide range of eligibility criteria covering health conditions, vulnerability, income, benefits and age (under 5 or over 65). Check their website for more information.	<p>01768 216500 cosyhomes@cafs.org.uk www.cafs.org.uk/cold-to-cosy-homes-cumbria</p>	
Warm homes discount	£150 discount off electricity bill	<p>Core group: Receiving Guaranteed Pension Credit</p> <p>Broader Group: You get certain means-tested benefits or tax credits OR On a low income</p>	<p>Your electricity supplier decides who can get the discount - check with your supplier to see if you're eligible and how to apply.</p> <p>Check with your supplier as early as possible. The number of</p>	

		Varies depending on supplier.	discounts suppliers can give are limited.
Priority Services Register	<p>Help you can get through the Priority Services Register:</p> <p>HOME OWNERS Suppliers provide free gas safety checks (e.g. for appliances such as a gas boiler) for homeowners and are available once every 12 months. You are eligible for this service if you are in receipt of a means-tested benefit</p> <p>ALL HOMES If you register as a priority services customer, you may be eligible for free services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance notice of planned power cuts. • Priority support in an emergency. This could involve your local network operator providing alternative heating and cooking facilities in the event of supply interruption. • Identification scheme. This is to reassure you that callers, for example meter readers, are genuine. 	<p>Who can sign up to the Priority Services Register? You can receive the services available if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are of pensionable age • are disabled or chronically sick • have a long-term medical condition • have a hearing or visual impairment or additional communication needs • are in a vulnerable situation. Includes children under 5; Mental health; extra support 	<p>How to sign up to the Priority Services Register</p> <p>To be added to the Priority Services Register, you simply need to contact your energy supplier. You can find their contact details on your energy bill, or if you don't have this to hand, see Who is my gas or electricity supplier? You can ask your supplier to pass your details on to your network operator, especially if you are dependent on your supply for medical reasons.</p> <p>If you have a different supplier for your gas and electricity, you need to contact them both. If you switch supplier, you'll need to register for the service again with them.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Password protection. • Nominee scheme. Customers can ask their supplier to send communications (such as account statements or bills) to someone you have nominated (for example a family member or carer) who has agreed to receive them. • Moving meters to ensure you are unable to access it safely. • Meter reading services, • Accessible information. 			
Cumbria Winter Warmth Fund	<p>Has the aim of reducing excess winter deaths and numbers of older people living in cold homes across Cumbria</p> <p>How much can you apply for? The normal grant is £125 or £250 in exceptional circumstances</p>	<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be aged 60 or over AND • a Cumbrian resident AND receive: • State pension and/or Pension Credit OR <p>struggle to maintain a basic acceptable standard of living during the winter due to the cost of heating your home and the restrictions of cold weather</p>	<p>If you would like to apply to this fund, please contact your local Age UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age UK Carlisle and Eden: 01228 536673 	