

Energy Efficiency Grants in East Sussex

Live & Upcoming Schemes



ECO4 (Energy Company Obligation) - ends 2026



WHAT IT IS:

- Funding from energy companies for low-income, fuel-poor and vulnerable households
- Funds insulation and heating system grants
- May require homeowner contribution

WHO CAN GET IT:

- Any properties with **E-G rated EPCs** (D-rated are possible but unlikely) that either;
 - Receive **means-tested benefits** or Child Benefit with a low income*or*
 - Are **social housing premises let below market rates**

HOW TO GET IT:

- Apply through the [Warm Home Check](#) service, an obligated energy supplier or approved installer
- Shop around for best offering between suppliers

ECO4 Flex (Energy Company Obligation - Flexible Eligibility) - ends 2026



WHAT IT IS:

- Broader eligibility than ECO4
- Led by Hastings for all of East Sussex
- May require homeowner contribution

WHO CAN GET IT:

- Any households with E-G rated EPCs (D-rated are possible but unlikely) that either;
 - Have low household incomes
 - Have vulnerabilities to the cold
 - Have other criteria that fits Hastings Borough Council's '[Statement of Intent](#)'

HOW TO GET IT:

- Apply through the [Warm Home Check](#) service, an [obligated energy supplier](#) or approved installer
- Shop around for best offering between suppliers

BUS (Boiler Upgrade Scheme) - ends 2028



WHAT IT IS:

- £7,500 or £5,000 discount on the cost of a new air-source/ground-source heat pump or biomass boiler, respectively
- Will likely require homeowner contribution, depending on cost

WHO CAN GET IT:

- Property owners (including owner-occupied, businesses, second homes or rented properties), if they:
 - Are replacing a fossil fuel heating system (including mains electricity)
 - Have a valid EPC with no recommendations for loft or cavity wall insulation

HOW TO GET IT:

- Contact an [MCS certified installer](#) to get quotes for the work
- Shop around to get competitive selection of quotes

GBIS (Great British Insulation Scheme) - ends 2026



WHAT IT IS:

- Broader version of ECO4 with focus on installing less measures into more households
- May require homeowner contribution
- Two eligibility streams; general group & a low-income group
- May require homeowner contribution

WHO CAN GET IT:

- Properties with D-G rated EPCs
- Properties in council tax bands A-D (*for general eligibility households*)
- Households on means-tested benefits; living in least efficient social housing or identified by GBIS Flex (*low-income*)

HOW TO GET IT:

- Energy suppliers and installers are actively outreaching to households they know to be eligible
- Households can register interest on some supplier websites or contact obligated ECO4 energy suppliers

GBIS Flex (Great British Insulation Scheme - Flexible Eligibility) - ends 2026



WHAT IT IS:

- Focus on more vulnerable households than GBIS
- May require homeowner contribution

WHO CAN GET IT:

- Properties with D-G rated EPCs Households
- Properties in council tax bands A-D (*for general eligibility households*)
- Households on means-tested benefits; living in least efficient social housing or identified by GBIS Flex (*low-income*)

APPLICATION:

- Households can register interest on some supplier websites or contact obligated ECO4 energy suppliers
- Households will be able to apply through the [Warm Home Check](#) service

HUG2 (Home Upgrade Grant) - ends 2025



WHAT IT IS:

- Funding available for owner-occupier or private rented sector properties
- Funds insulation and heating system grants
- Requires $\frac{1}{3}$ contribution from landlords in privately rented properties

WHO CAN GET IT:

- Properties with D-G rated EPCs
 - Properties that are off of the mains gas grid for their heating supply
 - Households on an income below £31,000
- or*
- Properties in pre-selected postcodes in IMD areas across East Sussex

APPLICATION:

- Check for eligibility and see the best place to apply [here](#)
- Apply or be referred through the [Warm Home Check](#) service
- Scheme delivery depends which local authority a property is in

For any questions or comments on the contents of these slides, or a general discussion around energy efficiency funding opportunities, please get in touch with the East Sussex Fuel Poverty Coordinator at dan.bainbridge@hastings.gov.uk

