

Response to Request for Information

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Affordable warmth grant scheme

Request:

I'm conducting some research and wonder if you could tell me how many of your residents have made an application for the Affordable warmth grant scheme. I would be interested to know the figures for the past twelve months?

Wolverhampton's Affordable Warmth Grant Assistance is funded by the City Council and delivered by Wolverhampton Homes on their behalf

To qualify for an Affordable Warmth Assistance grant you must meet all the below criteria:

- be an owner occupier or private rented tenant living in the City of Wolverhampton
- be in receipt of an income-related or disability benefit or deemed to be on a low income
- be judged to be at risk of **serious** ill health due to living in a cold/damp home
- the property must be in council tax band A, B or C
- have resided at the property for a minimum of 12 months

Up to 140 grants a year are available. The maximum grant is £5,000, while the average grant allocated is £2,700.

Possible works include fitting full central heating systems, replacing boilers, replacing/adding radiators to a system, providing heating controls, where appropriate and offering advice on reducing energy and paying fuel bills.

To enquire about assistance please contact 01902 551155 or email Energy.efficiency@wolverhampton.gov.uk

For the period covering this financial year (1st April 2018 – to present) - 103 approved, with only 5 not completing grant process – total 108.