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Scottish Community Renewables Initiative (SCRI) – Households Grants

One quarter of all the UK's emissions of carbon dioxide (the key climate change gas) comes from household use of fossil fuels. Scottish householders have a vital role to play in lowering our greenhouse gas emissions, and in helping to reach Scotland's target of 40% of electricity from renewable sources by 2020.

There are many small-scale renewable energy technologies suitable for residential premises. They can provide electricity to run appliances, heat water and provide heat for space heating. To help Scottish householders play their part in protecting the environment, and to help build a thriving renewable energy industry in Scotland, the SCRI provides financial support for a range of eligible technologies, for both individual households and community groups. The Energy Saving Trust (EST) is managing the household component of the SCRI on behalf of the Scottish Executive. The Energy Saving Trust and the Highlands and Island Enterprise are managing the community component of the SCRI.

Funding available under the household scheme

- Funding is set at 30% of the installed cost
- The maximum grant is £4,000. Any capital cost up to £13,300 will attract funding. The householder can spend more money than this and still be eligible, but expenditure over £13,300 will not attract additional grant
- Match funding from other public sources for the same system will **not** be allowed. This is to ensure the efficient use of public sector funds

What technologies apply?

Technologies eligible under the Scheme include:

- micro hydro-electric
- micro wind
- solar water and space heating
- ground-source heat pumps (powered by renewable electricity)
- automated wood fuel heating systems
- solar PV (photovoltaic) in dwellings not connected to the electricity grid

The scheme will **not** fund:

- PV installations that are eligible to apply for funding under the DTI Major Photovoltaic Demonstration Programme
- Non-automated wood burning stoves. This is a mature technology with a well-established market which does not require pump-priming support

Installations that are connected to the main electricity grid, stand-alone, or connected to a mini-grid are equally applicable.

Eligibility

The main criteria are:

- SCRI grants are open only for owner-occupied residential dwellings in Scotland
- The renewable energy system must supply a residential building or a permanently sited mobile home
- The system must be designed, installed and commissioned by an approved installer, and must use components approved by the DTI/Scottish Executive or their agents as conforming to relevant standards
- A maximum of two grants per property are available, each covering different technologies
- To maximise the carbon dioxide savings, applicants should consider measures to save energy through energy efficiency, at the same time as switching from damaging fossil fuel technology to renewable energy. All applicants will be offered a DIY Home Energy Check by their local Energy Efficiency Advice Centre as part of the grant award process

Application process

- SCRI – Household Stream will use a fast track application pre-approval process (full details will be provided with the application forms)
- Two quotes must be obtained per system, unless suitable evidence can be provided as to why this was not possible (for example, lack of local suppliers, remote locations)

Suppliers and installers

Under SCRI, only systems installed by accredited installers are eligible for grant. SCRI will rely on the accreditation process being developed for the *Clear Skies* programme (the equivalent England/Wales/Northern Ireland scheme). Installers should contact the Clear Skies programme on 08702 430 930 or visit the website www.clear-skies.org.

More information

The application forms and procedures for the SCRI are currently being developed by the Energy Saving Trust and are expected to be available from early February. If you would like more information on the operation of the SCRI, contact the SCRI Hotline on **0800 138 8858** (Monday - Friday 9am – 5pm).