

Wealden District Council has teamed up with National Grid and Affordable Warmth Solutions CIC to offer grants for the installation of first time central heating. The award is intended to help 40 homes install oil central heating where a full central heating system does not currently exist. Those that own or rent privately can access the funding if they meet the following criteria:

- The home is located in a rural area not connected to the gas grid.
- The property has an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rated F or G.
- No full central heating system currently exists in the property or the home relies on peak electric heaters, plug in heaters, electric ceiling heating, fire places or stoves to heat the home.
- The occupant receives one of the following qualifying benefits:

Pension Credit

Universal Credit

Child Tax Credit

Working Tax Credit

Income based Job Seekers Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Income Support

The systems will be fully funded for those that own their own home. Landlords can expect to receive two grants, one for the boiler and another for the remaining balance which in total should cover approximately 70% of the total cost. Referrals for funding can be made by calling the central heating hotline on [01323 443321](tel:01323443321) or by emailing justin.bailey@wealden.gov.uk