

Warm Zones cic

Briefing note: The new “Warm Zones Fund” as part of an integrated area-based approach

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This note summarises the new £10 million “Warm Zones Fund” secured by Warm Zones Community Interest Company (WZcic) and how it will be used, as part of a wider, integrated approach, to maximise the delivery of relevant measures and services to low-income or vulnerable homes in selected areas across Great Britain.

The funding – intended as a gap fund focused on areas of greatest need and where other grant provision is generally inadequate - will be managed by WZcic and utilised on a strategic basis to most effectively and sustainably deliver the principal aim of the company, namely: to facilitate the efficient, integrated and appropriate delivery of practical measures to alleviate fuel poverty and improve domestic energy efficiency in defined areas.

The eligibility criteria for the Warm Zones Fund are summarised in the table below:

Geographical areas	Any eligible area in GB, with delivery across England, Scotland & Wales, also including some off-gas properties. All homes in the 25% most deprived LLSOAs (or equivalent) – the CSCO 25% areas or the CSCO rural 25% areas are eligible
Tenures	Social and private, with a greater focus on the private sector
Measures	Private sector = solid wall insulation (including hard to treat cavities), heating measures (on and off-gas), standard cavity wall insulation and loft insulation. Social as for private sector but <u>not</u> heating measures. Benefits and/or energy advice will be available free of charge to all eligible homes.
Grant funding levels	The aim is to attract additional matched funding (see below). This will generally be partial grant funding and at the discretion of Warm Zones.
Matched funding	The Warm Zones Fund <u>cannot</u> be matched in any one property with ECO funding or any other energy efficiency scheme administered by Ofgem. It can be matched against all other funding sources, including but not limited to contributions from LAs, RSLs, PS Landlords, 3 rd Sector partners, gas / electricity network operators, Warm Homes Discount (for rebates and advice but not for measures funding), other relevant government funding, the client etc.
Quality	All measures to be installed in accordance with PAS2030. WZcic to carry out QA checks on at least 7% of all installed measures.
Other	Priority will be given to grant funding projects where there is a wider, more integrated, sustainable and strategic partnership approach to tackling fuel poverty and improving energy efficiency in that area.

Potential projects will be considered by WZcic against the above criteria.

Please note that – unlike other elements of the Redressing the Balance programme – the Warm Zones Fund is not requesting formal applications for funding. WZcic will work with local partners (both existing and new) to establish appropriate projects. All projects will have to meet a number of KPIs and will be managed, delivered and administered by WZcic, with regular monthly reporting required from all local project partners. No project can commence until formal approval is provided in writing by WZcic.

Further details are available from WZcic. Please contact warmzonesfund@warmzones.co.uk.