

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

'Retrofitting' your home simply means making changes to help support and improve your property's energy efficiency. By using less energy to perform the same result, it will reduce energy bills, lower carbon emissions, and make your home warmer.

Energy efficiency will help with a 'fabric first' approach to your home which focuses on reducing a home's heat loss, you can achieve low carbon emissions and a sustainable home that is affordable to heat.

## Energy efficiency improvements include:

- Cavity wall insulation
- Internal & external wall insulation
- Double glazed windows
- Loft and room in the roof insulation
- Draught-proofing doors
- Underfloor insulation.

Low-carbon heat solutions will help you heat your home and get their power from natural sources such as air or the sun. These will not only reduce carbon emissions but also reduce the overall cost of your energy bills.

## Low-carbon heating system examples:

- Air source heat pumps
- Solar Photovoltaic (solar panels)
- Ground source heat pumps
- Low-energy lighting
- Shared loop, ground source heat pumps.

The home energy improvements you could receive will vary based on the conclusion of a Retrofit assessment by our appointed contractors, **Ecogee**.

# FURTHER SUPPORT

If you are ineligible for HUG2 funding, you can still get advice and support to help with improving the heating of your home via your local council:

**Halton Borough Council:**

[www3.halton.gov.uk/pages/planning/greenhomesgrant.aspx](http://www3.halton.gov.uk/pages/planning/greenhomesgrant.aspx)

**Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council:**

[www.knowsley.gov.uk/housing](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/housing)

**Liverpool City Council energy efficiency tips:**

[www.liverpool.gov.uk/housing](http://www.liverpool.gov.uk/housing)

**Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council:**

[www.sefton.gov.uk/retrofit](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/retrofit)

**St Helens Borough Council:**

[www.sthelens.gov.uk/saveenergy](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/saveenergy)

**Wirral Borough Council:**

[www.wirral.gov.uk/housing/help-your-home](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/housing/help-your-home)

Alternatively, you can contact **Energy Projects Plus Retrofit Buddies** who can provide extra support to residents who are interested in making their homes warmer and more energy efficient.

Call the free advice line on 0800 043 0151, or visit [www.epplus.org.uk/projects/retrofit-buddies](http://www.epplus.org.uk/projects/retrofit-buddies)



# GIVE YOUR HOME A HUG

Improve the energy efficiency of your property with **Home Upgrade Grant 2 (HUG2)** funding.



# WHAT IS HUG2?

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority has secured over £10m as part of the Department of Energy, Security and Net Zero's **Home Upgrade Grant 2 (HUG2) scheme**, which aims to tackle fuel poverty and boost energy efficiency in housing stock across the Liverpool City Region.

By carefully identifying households to make sure that energy efficiency upgrades, also known as retrofit measures, are installed where they are most needed, these home energy improvements will ensure residents experience reduced energy bills, warmer homes, and reduced carbon emission outputs - and the best part of all this? **the improvements may be absolutely free!**



# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Households wishing to apply for **Home Upgrade Grant 2 (HUG2)** funding, must meet certain conditions. Your property may be eligible if the below criteria are met:

1. Your property doesn't use gas as a main heating fuel.
2. Your property has an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D or below.
3. You are the property's owner-occupier.
4. You are in a private-rented property (If this is the case, your landlord is expected to contribute one-third of the costs of the energy improvement works).
5. Your household annual income amounts to £36,000 or less. If not, you may still be eligible if your property is within a qualifying postcode area as set out by the Government.

To find out if your property is eligible for HUG2 funding, use the easy-to-use tool available at [www.gov.uk/apply-home-upgrade-grant](http://www.gov.uk/apply-home-upgrade-grant)

# HOW DO I APPLY?

To register your interest in applying for **Home Upgrade Grant 2 (HUG2)** funding or for more information, please visit our website: [www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/home-upgrade-grant-two](http://www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/home-upgrade-grant-two)

Following your registration, our appointed contractor **Ecogee** (0151 521 4520) will get in touch with you to confirm your eligibility for the HUG2 scheme, and to arrange a retrofit assessment of your property, which will determine what installation measure(s) you could receive.

If you have any questions, please email [hug2@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk](mailto:hug2@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk) where one of our team will pick up your query and respond as soon as possible.



Scan to register your interest today!

