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CARES Community Buildings Fund

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CARES supports communities to engage with, participate in and benefit from the energy transition to net zero emissions.

The Scottish Government's → Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) → delivered by Local Energy Scotland

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CARES - Community Buildings Fund

- Focus on decarbonising community buildings.
- Grants of up to £80,000 for 80% of eligible costs are available.
- Match funding of at least 20% is required.
- Open for applications until end of Oct or until funding is fully allocated, whichever comes first.
- Approved projects must be completed and all funding claimed by **15 March 2027**.
- Early-stage support available through the Launchpad.



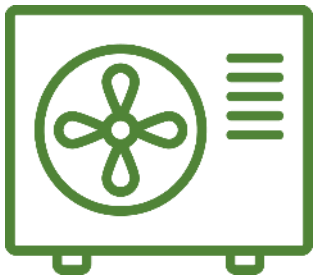
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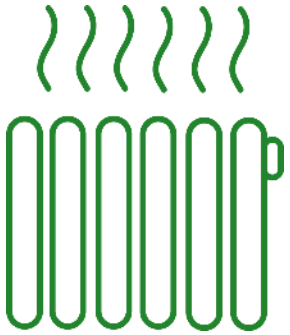
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Eligible Improvements





Meet the Heating Requirement

You'll need to either be installing one of these measures:

- a heat pump (including air-to-air, air source, ground source or water source units)
- connections to a heat network.

Or your building already has:

- a heat pump (air source, ground source or water source)
- a connection to a heat network
- direct electric heating (including storage heating or electric boilers)
- biomass heating.

Note: If applying for CARES funding to install a heat pump to replace an existing direct electric heating system, the current system must be broken or ineffective. The maximum intervention rate for replacement heat pumps is 40%.

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Next Steps

- Get a free energy audit from Business Energy Scotland or other independent advice to review the types of measures appropriate for your building.
- Get quotes from installers to get an indication of the cost and timeline for your project.
- Research any requirements for consents, for example building warrants and/or planning permission.
- Explore options for match funding – the SCVO funding guide is a good place to start.
- Sign up to the CARES newsletter where we publish any updates on funding.
- Read the fund eligibility check.

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More than funding

- Local development officers support
- Technical support
- Website with case studies & resources
- Other funding opportunities
- Signposting

Interested? Take a look at the Community Buildings Fund guidance and Submit your expression of interest through the CARES portal.

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