

## Warm Up, Costs Down GUIDANCE

Warm Up, Costs Down is a response to the current cost of living crisis.

We are looking to fund a “bundle of items” up to the cost of £150 which support residents to keep themselves warm at home or reduce energy costs. This is different to our Household Energy Efficiency grant which is designed for making alterations to the home to ensure the home is energy efficient.

Suggested items may include the following but we are happy to consider other items as long as they fit into the themes of *heating the person* or *reducing energy costs*.

Rechargeable electric hand warmers

Wearable blankets

Slippers

Disposable heated insoles

Heated gilet

Microwaveable wheat bag

Hot water bottle

Electric heat pad

Electric foot warmer

Electric blanket

Weighted blankets

Thermal t-shirts/Socks/Leggings

Slow Cooker

Microwave

Heated Clothes Dryer

Air Fryer

Single Cup Kettle

**Eligibility criteria. Applications must:**

- Be from a permanent resident living in the Carron Valley Community Council area
- Be signed by someone 16 years of age or over
- Deliver against the grant’s objectives.

**The procedure for making a grant application is as follows:**

- Read these guidelines in full
- Obtain a quote or price for items
- Complete the application form and send it to the VRG Admin Officer [admin@valleyrenewables.co.uk](mailto:admin@valleyrenewables.co.uk) with the quotes.

The Administrator, in association with the **Grants Sub-committee will** review applications as and when they are submitted and distributed, with a response typically provided to the applicant **within four to six weeks** . This timeline is for guidance since the VRG is run by unpaid volunteers who give their time voluntarily to the group.

In making grants the Administrator and Sub-Committee will be guided by how well the project will address the grant fund objectives. The Board reserves the right to decline to support an application which they consider does not address these or is ineligible. Applicants refused a grant will be entitled to receive an explanation for the decision and the Board's decision will be final. The guidelines specify the upper limit of any award to be made. Should you not be happy with any part of the process please inform us as soon as possible in writing to Secretary.

**For approved grants**, VRG will pay the applicant once the grant has been approved and estimates/quotes submitted. The applicant **must** submit all receipts after their project is completed. This is to allow VRG to meet the requirements of the charity regulator. **Failure to submit receipts would mean that this household would not be able to apply for any further grant funding from VRG.**

### VRG Grant Conditions

Any award made will be subject to the following conditions:

- Except in exceptional circumstances no work or purchase for which a grant is sought should take place until notification of an award has been made in writing. Once grant is approved by VRG payment will be sent to applicant.
- All receipts must be submitted to VRG upon completion of the project.
- Awards will only be made to permanent residents operating within the Carron Valley Community Council area.
- Valley Renewables shall be entitled to reclaim any funds that it considers to have been used inappropriately, or where spend is not evidenced.