

Introduction to Home Upgrade Grant: Phase 2 and the Home Upgrade Hub

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Home Upgrade Grant: Phase 2 (HUG 2) Overview

- Aim
- Eligibility
- Funding model
- Rural ringfence
- Deadlines

Project Milestone	Date
HUG 2 open to applications	29 September 2022
Application deadline 1	18 November 2022
Application deadline 2	27 January 2023
2023/24 upfront payment	April 2023
Delivery assurance checks	From 1 April 2023
Batch submissions begin	From 1 April 2023
2024/25 upfront payment	April 2024
Delivery window ends	31 March 2025



Eligibility – Applications

- Applications can only be made by Local Authorities in England (as defined by Section 31 of the Local Government Act, 2003)
- Applications can be submitted by an individual LA or consortium of LAs, consortium applications must be submitted by a single lead LA
- All bids must apply for a minimum funding proposal of £500,000.



Eligibility – Properties

To be considered eligible for works, properties must comply with the below requirements:

- Domestic dwellings only
- Property EPC is bands D-G
- Off gas grid properties only
- Social Housing properties are eligible for in-fill purposes only (eligible for 10% of total works)
- Park homes are eligible for works but must equate to under 10% of total homes retrofitted per entire LA project
- PRS requirements: Landlords must have a portfolio of four or less properties and declare that they have not received subsidy over the Minimal Financial Assistance limit of £315k.



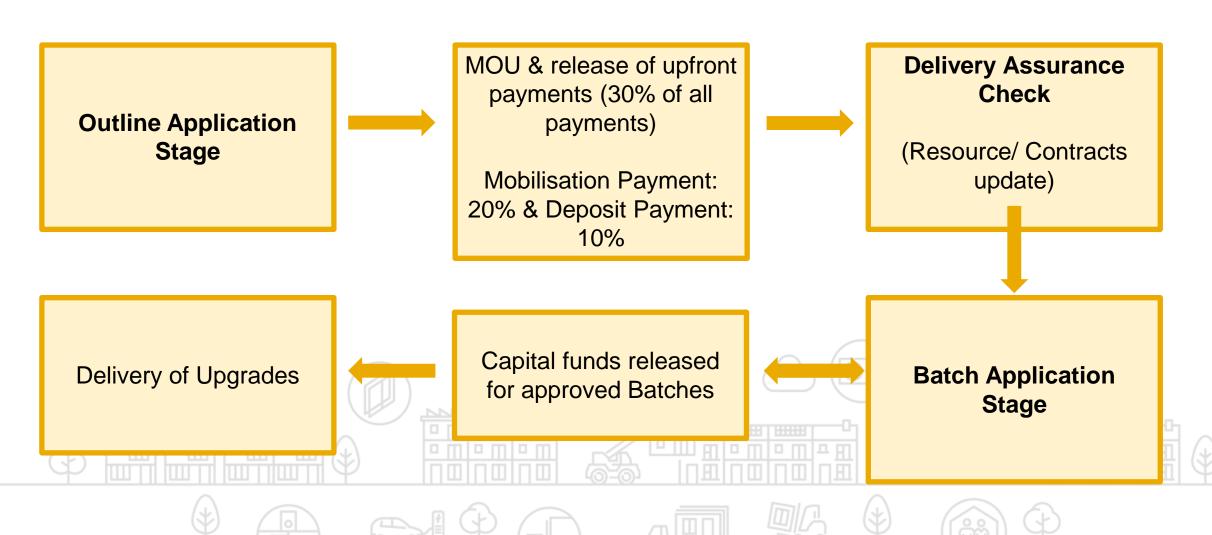
Eligibility – Households

To be eligible households must be compatible with at least one of the below requirements:

- 1. Income based eligibility: A combined gross annual household income of no more than £31,000
- 2. Area based eligibility: Households living in the most economically deprived neighbourhoods which have income deciles 1-3 when using Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) will automatically be eligible for upgrades. A list of eligible LSOAs can be found on gov.uk.



Challenge Fund Process





Rural Ringfence

- 60% of HUG 2 funding will be ringfenced for rural LAs.
- The 60% ringfence is related to the funding allocated, therefore, the ringfence does not negatively impact rural/urban consortium's bidding potential
- The remaining 40% of funding will not be ringfenced and so will be available to rural and urban LAs
- Defra's Rural-urban Local Authority Classification: 'Mainly Rural', 'Largely Rural' or 'Urban with Significant Rural' are classified as a rural LA for HUG 2



Home Upgrade Hub service

Technical assistance will be provided through the Home Upgrade Hub which is delivered by Turner & Townsend



Home Upgrade Hub Service



- Self-assessments, diagnostic calls, support plans and critical friend reviews delivered by our technical team
- Workshops, seminars and round tables provide technical support
- Passive resources on the Home Upgrade Hub website:
 - Webinars
 - Masterclasses on-demand
 - **Podcasts**



Home Upgrade Hub Service – Content Topics

- Data collection and stock analysis
- Business case development
- Developing delivery models
- Scoping and specification of the project
- Internal governance
- Application writing
- Tenant and Landlord engagement
- Planning advice
- Understanding a consortium
- Procurement support
- Preparedness for Outline and Batch applications



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