



Scottish Borders Council

EMPTY HOMES GRANT SCHEME

We understand that there are many reasons why an empty home remains empty. One of those regularly cited by empty home owners is the financial burden of bringing an empty home back into use.

To that end we are pleased to announce the launch of the empty homes grant scheme.

Eligibility Criteria

- The empty home must be located in the Scottish Borders.
- The home must be registered as empty for at least 12 months prior to application.
- Applicants must be either looking to live in the property or to rent it out at Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates for a minimum period of 5 years.
- Vacant commercial properties may be considered.

How to get in touch

If you wish to explore the opportunity of grant funding for your empty homes project please get in touch with your empty homes officer.

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Grant Overview

- The maximum grant award available is £25,000 per empty home.
- Applicants with multiple empty homes can apply for up to 5 empty homes.
- To bring an empty property back into use where the intention is to rent the property, the grant is capped at 75% of eligible works.
- Where owners intend to occupy the property themselves the grant is capped at 50% of eligible works.
- Grant will be awarded as a package of renovation works.
- Minimum of two estimates will be required.
- Works must be carried out within 12 months from the date of approval.
- Retrospective works cannot be included in application.
- Full planning permission, listed building consent and building warrant will need to be in place, if required.
- Upon completion; grant conditions will be recorded on property title deeds.

Please contact your empty homes officer for any further support and guidance.