

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *How do I know if I am Eligible?*

For a full description please refer to the Information and Guidance sheet to view the criteria for applying for an Empty Property Incentive Grant. This will also give you details of the options to which your situation would apply.

2. *How much Funding can I get?*

Typically a Grant of up to £10,000 per dwelling, up to two grants per building will be given. Negotiable grants can be discussed where there are multiple units to be created and will be considered based on a number of factors such as housing need in the locality, the end use, impact on the surrounding area. Negotiable grants will generally have slightly extended conditions. For further details regarding Negotiable grants for your property, please email: emptyhomes@shropshire.gov.uk

3. *Are There Limitations on what I can spend it on?*

The grant funds must be used to bring the up to the current “minimum housing standards” - See the application pack for a full description. Items such as tiling and flooring coverings can be included (within reason) but general decorating will not be covered by the Grant.

4. *Do I Have to Pay it back?*

The Grant only needs to be paid back if the conditions applied are breached. These conditions include selling the property within the stipulated Grant Condition time period. Full Grant Conditions are available in the Empty Property Incentive Grant application pack. Negotiable grants may be Subject to additional conditions.

5. *Does it cover my Labour?*

The Grant cannot cover work which you carry out yourself but it can cover the cost of the materials used in that work. Two comparable quotations for the materials to be used in that work will be required.

6. *Can I Apply Retrospectively?*

No. Any works which have already been undertaken and completed are cannot be covered under the grant.

7. *How do I apply?*

All the information to apply for an Empty Property Incentive Grant is available on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk where there is also a diagram outlining the process. If you have any queries about this please email the team at emptyhomes@shropshire.gov.uk

Alternatively you can request this information to be sent via post by contacting the Empty Homes team on the email above or by telephone on 0345 678 9000.

8. *How do I receive the Grant payment?*

When the works have been completed Officers will need to revisit the property to confirm these works are finished. We also require a copy of the invoices from the contractors for each item of work covered by the Grant. On receipt of the invoices and following a successful visit the payment will be processed by the Council directly to yourself.