

UPDATE TO ALL TENANTS AIR FRYER/ SLOW COOKER FUNDING APPLICATION

Air Fryer Funding Application Result

We carried out a tenant survey in July 2023 - we asked if receiving a free air fryer or slow cooker would help to reduce your energy bills. Over 400 tenants responded – thank you!

Everyone who participated in the survey told us that an air fryer or slow cooker would help to reduce their energy bills. People commonly expressed concern at the high cost of energy and how much more expensive it is now to use their oven for cooking.

Grant Funding Application Outcome

Based on the survey results, we made an application for just under £200,000 to the Scottish Government funded Social Housing Fuel Support Fund to provide every tenant with a free air fryer + one multi cooker.

Due to the high number of funding applications made and limited availability of funding, the Association was awarded a much lower amount of £60,000.

Unfortunately, this means we will be unable to offer all tenants an appliance as we had intended to. Instead, we need to target the distribution of these appliances to tenants who are experiencing the greatest difficulty in paying their fuel bills.

Identifying households in greatest difficulty

Our Tenant Satisfaction Survey, which 445 tenants took part in, asked tenants about the affordability of their energy bills. The survey which was carried out over November/December 2022 showed that those finding it either fairly or very difficult to afford their energy bills had higher numbers among the following households:

- single parent families
- tenants living in homes with 3 or more bedrooms.

This represents around 340 Clydesdale Housing Association households.

Based on the lower than expected funding award and this research into who is experiencing the greatest difficulty in affording energy bill, the Association has decided to target the distribution of air fryers towards the above groups of tenants.

We met with the Clydesdale Tenants' and Residents' Group in August to discuss our intended approach and they agreed that this was fair.

We apologise to everyone who took part in our July 2023 survey who will not receive an air fryer on this occasion. We hope you will understand our reasons for this approach.

We will be in contact with single parent households and tenants living on homes with 3 bedrooms or more soon to discuss what will happen next.