First-time Buyer: Home Renovation Grant

Grant assistance to help bring empty and redundant dwellings in Gwynedd back into residential use and/or the conversion of properties into residential dwellings. The aim of this grant is to reduce the number of long term empty properties in Gwynedd by providing first-time buyers with assistance to meet renovation costs.

STATUS & TARGET GROUP

- This type of assistance is discretionary.
- There is no automatic entitlement to the maximum or to any sum.
- This type of assistance is intended to bring empty and redundant dwellings back into residential use.

ELIGIBILITY

This type of assistance is intended to help the following groups of people and property:

- Gwynedd residents who are first time buyers as defined by the conditions of the private sector housing policy.
- Properties that have been vacant for at least 6 months or more.

Grant funding may be used for development of the following property features:

- Roof, chimney, rainwater goods
- Doors and windows
- Rendering/pointing
- Electrical
- Plumbing/heating
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- DPC/tanking/timber treatment

APPLICATION

- There is no means test for applicants.
- Persons eligible for grant aid can receive up to 100% of the relevant costs, up to a maximum of £20,000 per dwelling.
- Payments will be made upon receipt of invoices and works completed to a satisfactory standard as assessed by the Council.
- Works must be completed within a set timetable as specified by Gwynedd Council.

CONDITIONS

Upon completion of renovation works, persons in receipt of grant assistance must:

- Reside at the property, which must be used as a principal home and cannot be used as a second home, holiday let, or for any business purposes.
- This condition will exist on a property for a period of 5 years from the date of certified compliance.
- Should the property be sold within this 5 year period the council may demand partial or full repayment of the grant.

Who to contact?

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