

Information on government funding for electric vehicle charge points

The Government currently offers a number of funding schemes to help with the costs of installing electric vehicle charge points. Information on all the funds available can be found on the government website <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles>.

One of these funds is the On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) which provides grant funding for local authorities towards the cost of installing on-street residential chargepoints for plug-in electric vehicles. Any local authority, including Parish and Town Councils, can apply for this funding which offers 75% towards the capital cost of charge point installation (up to a maximum of £6500 per charge point) and this could be match funded using Herefordshire Council's Climate and Nature Grant fund.

The intention of this scheme is to address the problem that households with no-off street parking have with recharging their electric vehicles at or close to their home. To be eligible for funding the applicant needs to demonstrate that there is a need for the charge point, for example by showing the presence of nearby houses with no off-street parking or by having received requests for charge point provision from nearby residents. These charge points can be installed on community land, such as village hall car parks, if the need can be demonstrated.

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The Energy Saving Trust are administering the scheme on behalf of the government and will help with all aspects of the application process. They have a lot of information on their website <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/low-carbon-travel/> including information about charging electric vehicles and an information pack for potential applicants (https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ORCS-21.22-Info-Pack_V4.pdf).

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