



Clean Air Council Loan Information

Warmer, drier homes bring health benefits, especially for the young, the elderly and those with respiratory illness. The main objectives of the Clean Air programme, are to:

- reduce the effect of the upfront cost for clean heat
- improve the health of Invercargill residents
- improve the warmth of Invercargill's housing stock
- improve the energy efficiency of Invercargill's housing stock
- improve air quality within the affected Invercargill Air shed

What is the Clean Air Council Loan?

The Invercargill City Council (ICC) offers a Clean Air Council Loan (loan) of up to \$5,000 (GST Incl), to assist ratepayer(s) of eligible properties towards the installation of approved insulation and approved heating.

The ratepayer(s) pays back the loan, and interest calculated at 3.95% per annum fixed, over the term of the loan up to five years. Funding for the Clean Air programme will be provided equally by Environment Southland (ES) and ICC. The Clean Air programme is designed to be cost neutral for the ICC and ES.

The Clean Air programme will be supported by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority's (EECA) audit process for the purposes of maintaining the quality of the installation.

What does the Clean Air Council Loan cover?

The loan offers ratepayer(s) the opportunity to receive a loan of up to \$5,000 and covers the following:

- heat pump
- efficient log burner
- pellet fire
- flued gas heater
- approved insulation

All of the above must be either listed as an Energy Star-rated heat pump on the EECA Energywise site, or on the Ministry for the Environment's website for approved wood burners or pellet burners.

Approved ceiling and floor insulation

Before being eligible for the loan, both ceiling and floor insulation needs to be up to the EECA approved standard. If your insulation is not up to the approved standard, approved insulation must be installed in conjunction with the approved heating.

Approved heating

Approved heating for your home's main heater needs to be installed by the service provider, Awarua Synergy (AS) using an approved heating device which is either listed as an Energy Star-rated heat pump on the EECA Energywise site, or on the Ministry for the Environment's website for approved wood burners or pellet burners.

What are the requirements to receive the Clean Air Council Loan?

To qualify for the loan, you must:

- be within the Invercargill clean air shed (map available on website)
- be the ratepayer(s) of the property
- be up-to-date with your rates payments and have a good rates payment history with ICC and ES
- satisfy the ICC's credit criteria for the loan
- provide a quote for approved heating installation from our service provider AS
- provide a quote for approved insulation from our service provider AS (if insulation required)
- agree to pay your loan repayments by direct debit on an agreed basis (weekly, fortnightly or monthly) for the period of the loan
- while heating is being installed, and if the property has been randomly selected for an audit, the homeowner will be required to allow an EECA-appointed inspector access to their property to audit the installation
- Have insurance on the property

How do homeowners apply?

To apply, you need to:

1. Contact Clean Air via AS to assess your home for free. This assessment will provide various EECA approved heating options. AS will also explain the funding options available to you and provide a written quote.
2. At the home assessment, AS will provide you a:
 - clean air council loan application,
 - a written quote provided by AS,
 - credit check form and Veda Authority form.
3. Once you have read and completed the clean air council loan application, credit check form, Veda authority form (one for each applicant) and provided the written quote from AS, a colour copy of your driver's licence or passport and a proof of address, AS will collect the forms and submit them to ICC for approval.
4. On approval from ICC, AS will book an installation date and contact you to sign the clean air loan agreement. No installation can take place until the Clean Air Loan Agreement has been signed.
5. AS will complete a quality assurance check on the property.
6. Final loan documentation will be sent to ICC for completion and processing.
7. Once ICC receives final invoice from AS, a confirmation letter with payment schedule will be sent to you.

Repayments

The loan will be separate to rates account. Repayments will be made via direct debit only.

ICC has agreed to make available to each ratepayer(s) up to \$5,000 (GST Incl) to go towards approved insulation and heating. The amount, plus associated costs of interest (3.95% per annum fixed), is to be paid to ICC as a loan over a term of up to five years.

Indicative repayments

Loan - 3 Years	Monthly payment	Fortnightly payment	Weekly payment
\$1,000	\$30	\$14	\$7
\$2,500	\$74	\$34	\$17
\$3,500	\$103	\$48	\$24
\$5,000 (max)	\$148	\$68	\$34

Loan - 5 Years	Monthly payment	Fortnightly payment	Weekly payment
\$1,000	\$18	\$8	\$4
\$2,500	\$46	\$22	\$11
\$3,500	\$64	\$30	\$15
\$5,000 (max)	\$92	\$42	\$21

Interest is charged to recover administration costs, and the ICC's costs of borrowing the money used to fund the Clean Air Loans. Interest is charged from the start of the month following the date ICC pays AS's invoice for this service. Clean Air is designed to be cost neutral.

Outstanding balance

You can find out how much you have left to pay on the Clean Air Loan by emailing cleanair@icc.govt.nz

Early or full repayment

It is not possible to make part payments in addition to the calculated loan repayments. However, you can pay the full outstanding balance of the loan at any point during the term of the loan by emailing cleanair@icc.govt.nz to obtain the outstanding balance.

Sale of Property

If the ratepayer(s) sells the property in the period after the Clean Air Loan Agreement has been entered in to, and while a loan balance is still outstanding, the ratepayer(s) must:

1. Notify the ICC in writing of the sale.
2. Settle the loan balance immediately on the completion of the sale of the property.

Any failure by the ratepayer(s) to comply with the above obligations entitles ICC to demand and receive payment from the ratepayer(s) for all amounts that are unpaid or are still to be assessed in respect of the Clear Air Council loan (by any means available to the ICC).

Landlord / More than one house

If you own multiple properties or are a Landlord, funding will be granted for only one loan at a time. If you have multiple properties, you must pay off the first Clean Air Loan prior to being eligible to apply for a further Clean Air Loan for another property.

Application processing

This takes 10 working days once the application is received.

Cancellations

You can cancel your application up until the installation starts by informing AS.

Information recorded

If your application is successful, the loan will be noted on your ICC's rates record.

Costs over and above the ICC Clean Air Loan

Any amount owing after the Clean Air loan of up to \$5,000 is your responsibility and should be detailed in Part 2 of the Clean Air Loan Application.

EECA inspection

You may be required to have an EECA-appointed inspector check the quality of the installation work once completed.

Alternative funding

Several major banks can put the costs on your mortgage and have agreed to waive the normal associated fees. Bank loans may also be available to eligible homeowners. Contact your bank for more information.

Useful information

For more information about any of these points, please call Clean Air on 0800 warm south (0800 927 676).

All Applications should be submitted to:



Address: 117 Eye Street, Invercargill
Phone: 0800 warm south (0800 927 676)
Email: synergy@awarua.org.nz
Web: <http://awaruasynergy.co.nz/products/heating/clean-air-heating>