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*Energy  
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housing*



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### What is the grant amount allocated to each renovated building?

For each approved for funding residential building the owners will receive as grant a maximum of 50% of the building's value, as the sum includes costs for construction works; costs related to geodetic surveys; technical and preliminary designs; compliance assessment of projects; designers control and construction supervision costs), and the other 50% owners are to secure with private funds and loans.

For housing renovation in Bulgaria is set one of the EU highest percentages on grant amount up to 50%.

Introduction of energy efficiency measures in multifamily residential buildings will be supported by financial engineering for provision of loans / bank guarantees to the amount of **BGN 13 million** by the **Housing Renovation Fund**, which purpose is to assist the associations of owners or individual owners of flats in multifamily residential buildings to provide 50% of the budget for renovation of the relevant building or block of flats section (when the relevant building is approved for funding and on the condition that owners do not have private funds).

### Requirements and eligible activities

Main requirement for each building is to be constructively consolidated. In each building applying for funding will be performed a constructive survey. Within the project will be supported implemented energy efficiency measures in multifamily residential buildings, including:

- replacement of woodwork (windows, doors, glass-cases, etc.) and insulation of all exterior fencing elements (outside walls, roofs, floors, etc.);
- refurbishment, modernization or replacement of local heating sources/steam shops or relevant facilities – property of individual flat owners, including replacement of tanking station in cases of proven energy saving and ecological effect;
- construction of installations for utilization of renewable energy sources (RES) – solar systems to supply energy for private (household) needs that are not revenue generating in the process of exploitation of the facilities;
- repairs or replacement of interior heating/cooling/ventilation installation, including radiator thermostatic valves and distributors in common shares in the site of intervention (residential building);
- repairs of the electric installation in common shares and introduction of energy saving lighting in the site of intervention (residential building);
- installation of automatic building management systems, including balancing, regulating, etc. of heating and electric energy consumption towards local sources, property of individual flat owners within common shares of the site of intervention (residential building);
- gasification of buildings (interior building distribution network and steam generator/s) when the building is connected to a gas distribution network;
- accompanying construction works related to implementation of energy efficiency measures.

Interventions in buildings to be supported within the framework of the project proposal are to include all energy saving measures as instructed in the energy efficiency audit, including measures for utilization of renewable energy sources (where applicable) necessary for compliance of the building with legislative and minimum requirements for energy efficiency and these energy saving measures are with assessed immediate ecological effect. Not eligible for funding are interventions that are not specified in the energy efficiency audit as energy saving measures with assessed immediate ecological effect, and are not related to introduction of energy saving measures.

### Raising the public awareness


Information campaign will be organized on a large scale to inform the wide public about funding opportunities for renovation of multifamily residential buildings, eligibility criteria, rules and criteria for assessment of residential buildings, necessary measures to be undertaken from owners in order to receive financial support.

### Implementation of the project

The activities of "Housing Policy" Directorate will be supported by an *Integrated Unit for Project Implementation*. In accordance with the Public Procurement Law project managers will be selected to identify eligible residential buildings for renovation, to support the associations of owners in preparation of the full documentation required for financing under OPRD as well as to develop energy efficiency audits.

The "Housing Policy" Directorate will organize the entire process of selection of companies to perform constructive; technical and preliminary designs and compliance assessment of the residential buildings; construction works for renovation of residential buildings; construction supervision and compliance assessment.

The owners will be facilitated to the highest degree in renovation of their building.



**Scheme BG161PO001/1.2-01/2011  
Support for energy efficiency in multifamily residential  
buildings under Operational Programme Regional  
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Housing is one of the key factors in the fight against social exclusion and unemployment, which at the same time transforms our cities and villages as well as regions in better places for living and working, encourages harmony within and between communities and makes efforts to achieve the objectives of sustainable development.

Operational Programme Regional Development supports implementation of energy efficiency measures through scheme BG161PO001/1.2-01/2011 ***“Support for energy efficiency in multifamily residential buildings”*** in **36 urban centers**:

**SOFIA, BLAGOEVGRAD, BURGAS, DOBRICH, DUPNITSA, GABROVO, GOTSE DELCHEV, HASKOVO, KARDJALI, KARLOVO, KAZANLAK, KYUSTENDIL, LOM, LOVECH, MONTANA, PANAGYURISHTE, PAZARDJIK, PERNIK, PETRICH, PLEVEN, PLOVDIV, RAZGRAD, RUSSE, SHUMEN, SILISTRA, SLIVEN, SMOLYAN, STARA ZAGORA, SVISHTOV, TARGOVISHTE, VARNA, VELIKO TARNOVO, VELINGRAD, VIDIN, VRATSA, YAMBOL.**

The scheme is published on 18.07.2011 and is an integral part of the National Housing Strategy. The total amount of grant comes up to **BGN 50 million**. Specific beneficiary is “Housing Policy” Directorate at the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works.

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