

ARA GRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS TO SUPPORT ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RES-INVESTMENTS

The Housing Finance and Development Centre of Finland (ARA):

- A governmental agency of Finland operating under the supervision of the Ministry of the Environment
- Implements social housing policy

ARA's target is to:

- Promote well-planned quality housing at reasonable housing cost
- Promote housing development and
- Produce information concerning housing market



ARA's allocates energy grants for:

- Private households for heating system renovation
- Flats and terrace houses owned by corporate body for certain heating system renovations

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Operations to be supported:

- Ground source and geothermal heat pump systems
- Air-water heat pump systems
- Pellet or other wood heating systems
- Heating systems which are using more than just one renewable energy source

The purpose of the grants:

- Improve the energy economy of residential buildings
- Reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions

Other ARA grants for households:

- Grant for conducting independent energy audits
- Grant for external repair work as defined in legislation
- Grant for improving the ventilation and eliminating health hazards

Amounts of the grants:

- Maximum 20 % of eligible costs when introducing renewable energy
- Maximum 25 % of eligible costs of equipment and material investments when improving the building's energy economics to reduce emissions from energy use, or when increasing the use of renewable energy sources
- Maximum 15 % of eligible costs of conducting independent energy audits, improving the ventilation, eliminating health hazards etc.
- Allocation of grants for repairs can be based on social grounds (elderly people and the disabled): maximum 40 % of eligible repair costs. In exceptional cases, grants can cover up to 70 % of the costs
- War veterans can in certain cases be allocated up to 30 % extra grante
- Grant applications are submitted to the home municipality and are awarded by the local authority

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