

1.2 Proposal Summary

Describe the proposal and how it will be delivered. What will it achieve? Who will it benefit? (max 300 words)

The project across Leicestershire and Rutland local authorities aims to reduce the number of (low income, high cost/vulnerable) households in fuel poverty by providing energy efficiency measures which will reduce energy bills and improve thermal comfort, alongside fuel debt advice and assistance, and promote opportunities of the Green Deal (GD) to households and businesses:

- A) Low-cost energy efficiency improvements** (up to 880 households).
- B) Improving energy efficiency/safety of existing central heating systems** (up to 520 households)
- C) Boiler Replacement Scheme:** 80 (10/Local Authority area (LAA)) F/G-rated/un-repairable boilers.
- D) Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Money Matters (Debt Advice & Budgeting Education):** offered all households receiving financial assistance (4 project officers over 8 LAAs).
- E) Jam-Jar Account Scheme:** £150 for energy bills to 800 (100/LAA) households.
- F) Debt reduction payments to enable move from pre-payment meter:** for around 160 (20/LAA) households with debts over £500.
- G) Food Parcel Emergency Fuel Bill Fund:** providing £5 pre-payment meter top-up to 2000 (250/LAA) households.
- H) Emergency Fuel Provision:** oil/LPG to 240 (30/LAA) households.
- I) Install solar photovoltaic panels on homes:** providing free electricity to 400 (50/LAA) households.
- J) Monitoring & Evaluation** with University partner
- K) GD Assessment surveys provided by GD Advisers for:**
 - i) Households** (3000, 375/LAA)
 - ii) Businesses** (320, 40/LAA)
- L) GD/ECO Show Homes on a range of property types:** demonstrating installation and benefits of GD/Energy Company Obligation (ECO) measures range to private-sector, private-rented and social-rented households; including cavity-walled, solid-walled, off-gas grid and hard-to-treat properties; examples in conservation areas and listed buildings (24 show homes; 1 full and 2 partial Show Homes per LAA).
- M) Household GD Outreach Events:** promoting GD eligible measures (24, 3/LAA (1 at show home)).
- N) Business GD Outreach Events:** promoting GD eligible measures accompanied by Carbon Trust energy efficiency/management workshop (8, 1 each LAA).
- O) Marketing/Communications:** mail-outs, case studies, leaflets.