

INFORMATION ON FLOOD RESILIENCE GRANTS

Burnley Council is now running a flood resilience grant scheme. The scheme was launched on 20th January 2016.

Properties that were flooded as a result of Storm Eva (Boxing Day, 26th December 2015) may be entitled to grants of up to £ 5000, provided as part of government support.

This grant is *in addition to* the £ 500 household flood payment that you may have already applied for / received as a householder, or flood recovery grant you may have applied for if you are a business, and is *in addition to* the Council Tax / business rate relief which householders and businesses can claim.

The new grants are to help fund additional flood resilience or resistance measures, so as to better prepare properties for potential future flood events, both to prevent flood water from entering the property and to speed the recovery if it does.

Grants are intended only to fund measures over and above repairs that would normally be covered by insurance. The most appropriate work will vary from house to house, so if you are planning to organise resilience work yourself, we would recommend that you consider undertaking a professional survey of your premises to identify flood risks. Examples of the type of work that might be recommended include air-brick covers, re-pointing external walls with water resistant mortar, door guards and toilet pan seals. There is a lot of useful information on the National Flood Forum website – www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk . This sets out a step-by-step process for householders and links to a wide range of other sources of information, including the “Blue Pages”, which list a range of flood products and service providers.

If your property was flooded, and you would like to apply, please complete a Flood Resilience Grant application form.

Burnley Council's scheme gives you three choices about how to apply for the funding.

- A. If you feel you need help and support, Burnley Council or contractors working with us would survey your property, recommend appropriate works and then, with your agreement, a contractor would carry out that work. *(In this case, a fee for carrying out the survey may be deducted from the grant funding available).*

- B. You can identify the work you want to carry out, and obtain a survey and two quotes from competent contractors. *(In this case, if your application is approved, the Council would pay you the money which you would then use to pay one of the contractors to do the work. You should submit your form and get approval before you actually spend the money or sign up to do so).*

- C. You can apply for money towards the cost of resilience and resistance works that you have already had done and paid for yourself. *(In this case, in order to consider your grant application, we would need to see paperwork showing that the work was identified by a competent contractor, and see copies of the relevant receipts / paid invoices).*

Please decide which approach you would like to take, and complete the front page and the relevant section (A, B or C) on the enclosed form which is appropriate to your application.

If you are a householder, please return your form to Housing and Development Control (Flood Resilience Grant), Burnley Council, 19 Parker Lane, Burnley, BB11 2BY, or email a completed electronic version to mkeeley@burnley.gov.uk

If you are a business, please return your form to Regeneration & Planning Policy (Flood Resilience Grant), Burnley Council, Parker Lane offices, Burnley, BB11 2BY, or email a completed electronic version to cprice@burnley.gov.uk.