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Dear colleagues

Re: Lincolnshire Central Heating Fund

I am writing to introduce the Lincolnshire Central Heating Fund scheme to your Council. Lincolnshire County Council secured funding from the Department of Energy and Climate Change and is now delivering the scheme, working together with the District Council for your area. Please treat this correspondence as from the two local authorities. Please find enclosed a poster in the hope you can display this and some leaflets. More can be made available or sent electronically on request. Please also find enclosed our press release for more information. If you have a parish newsletter or website to promote the scheme we would be grateful.

The scheme is designed to help private sector households experiencing fuel poverty (e.g. older people in receipt of Pension Credit or families on Child Tax Credit with an income less than £16,010 (see overleaf)) install central heating in their home for the first time, and connected to mains gas where available. However, there is some scope for oil or LPG central heating where mains gas is not available as it isn't in many parishes. Eligibility is, therefore, quite restricted and funding is available for a limited time. Whilst generic promotion will lead to enquiries direct from residents, we anticipate most eligible households will come from referrals from partners such as your Council. Referrals should be passed to the Lincolnshire Home Independence Agency on 01522 516300 or email info@lincshia.org. Please would you pass the message on about the scheme and do everything you can to help find eligible households who might benefit.

Yours sincerely

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To be eligible, the applicant must be in receipt of benefits in either A, B, C or D

A	Receive one of the following benefits:
	Pension Credit
	Child Tax Credit, income less than £16,010
B	OR one of the following
	Income based job seekers allowance
	Income related employment and support allowance
	Income support
	AND one of these:
	Disabled child premium
	Responsible for a qualifying child under 16 who lives at the property
	Responsible for a qualifying child aged between 16 and 20 in full time education who lives at the property
	Pension premium, higher pension premium or enhanced premium
	Child tax credit that includes a disability or severe disability element
	Disability premium, enhanced disability premium or severe disability premium
	A work related activity or support component (only with income related ESA)
C	OR
	Working tax credit with income less than £16,010
	AND one of these
	Responsible for a qualifying child under 16 who lives at the property
	Responsible for a qualifying child aged between 16 and 20 in full time education who lives at the property
	Receive a disabled worker element or severe disability element
	Be aged 60 or over
D	OR
	Universal Credit – the recipient with an earned monthly take home income of £1250 or less a month in the previous 12 months
	AND one of these
	The recipient has responsibility for a qualifying child or qualifying young person (a child or disabled child on the Universal Credit Notice)
	A limited capacity for work element, on the Universal Credit Notice
	Or limited capacity for work and work-related activity element, on the Universal Credit Notice
	The recipient is in receipt of disability living allowance (DLA) or personal independence payment (PIP)
E	NOT IN RECEIPT OF ANY BENEFITS – REFER FOR BENEFITS CHECK IF LIKELY THAT THEY SHOULD BE