

Freeport British Gas Energy Trust

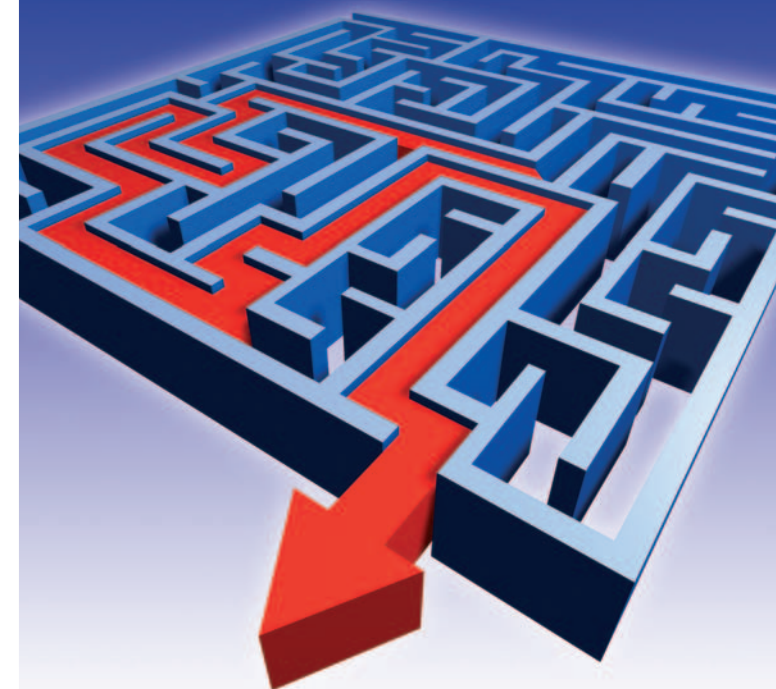
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The British Gas *energy trust*

trapped in the maze of debt?



The British Gas Energy Trust
offers grants to individuals
and families to help reduce or
clear gas or electricity debt

The British Gas *energy trust*

is the first *national* utility Trust Fund. Receiving donations from British Gas, it seeks to help those most in need with gas and electricity debt.

The Trust is independent of its donor company and is governed by a Board of unpaid Trustees drawn from across the UK.

Trustees recognise that people should have access to basic services, including warmth and light, and, by establishing the Trust seek to make a long term difference to people's lives by reducing the burden of debt, giving them the opportunity to start again and manage their future commitments.

Who can apply to the Trust?

To be able to apply to the Trust you must be a current domestic customer of British Gas or Scottish Gas.

What can I apply for?

The Trust can help people through giving grants to:

- Reduce or clear arrears of gas or electricity debt.
- Help with other essential household bills or costs. (It is possible to apply for these without applying for help with your gas or electricity).

What items will the Trust not give grants for?

- Fines for criminal offences.
- Educational or training needs.
- Debts to central Government (tax or national insurance).
- Medical equipment, aids and adaptations.
- Holidays.
- Business debts.

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- Catalogues, credit cards or personal loans.
- Overpayment of benefits.

How is a grant paid?

- Grants to cover electricity or gas arrears are paid direct to the company on your behalf
- Cheques for other items are made payable to the supplier and can only be used for that purpose
- Grants are not loans and do not have to be paid back.

How to apply

All applications must be on a standard form. Proof of income, relevant bills and evidence of any special circumstances such as a disability etc. must be sent with the application form.

Forms are available by:

- By writing to Freepost British Gas Energy Trust
- Completing and sending the attached tear off request form.
- Downloading from the website at www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk
- Calling our application form request line on 01733 421060.
- Emailing us at bget@charisgrants.com
- Contacting an advice agency (e.g. Citizen's Advice). They can also offer help to complete the form if you need it.

Can I apply more than once?

If successful, applicants may not reapply to the Trust for 2 years. However, if you are unsuccessful in your application you can apply again after a period of 6 months.

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Please send me an application form.

Name.....

Address

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Postcode

Tackling *fuel debt*