

Applying for subsidies for the replacement of oil-fired boilers

Anyone wishing to replace their old oil boiler with a more energy-efficient and climate-friendly alternative can apply for a grant from the Senator for the Environment.

Competent Department

- [Die Senatorin für Umwelt, Klima und Wissenschaft | Referat 44: Recht und Vollzug der Energiewende](#)

Basic information

Funding is available for the replacement of oil-fired boilers with

- a heat supply with local or district heating based on combined heat and power, heat from waste incineration or waste heat,
- a heat pump or
- by boilers based on wood pellets or wood chips

in each case also in combination with solar thermal water heating or solar thermal heating support.

Private individuals as building owners, tenants and leaseholders as well as companies that have contractually taken over the heat supply and/or hot water supply of a building (so-called contractors) are eligible to apply.

Requirements

Funding can be granted for existing buildings in the state of Bremen regardless of their type of use (residential, commercial). The measure must be carried out by a specialist company registered in the craftsmen's register. A decommissioning certificate must be submitted for the decommissioning of the old oil boiler, which must be issued by a specialist company.

The Bremen subsidy for heat pumps, solar thermal systems, wood pellet boilers and wood chip boilers can only be claimed if an application for subsidy under the federal subsidy for efficient buildings (BEG) has also been submitted for these systems beforehand and a subsidy commitment is presented for this. Funding commitments for which a funding application has been submitted to BAFA or KfW as of May 15, 2023, i.e., as of the effective

date of the current version of the Bremen Funding Guidelines, will be recognized. Connection to a district heating network is simultaneously subsidized by the climate protection senator, by swb, and by the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) through grants.

New: subsidies for heat pumps

Whether a heat pump can be operated efficiently in an existing building in an individual case depends, among other things, on whether and to what extent the building envelope has already been renovated for energy efficiency and which heat distribution system is installed in the building.

The German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection (BMWK) has launched an information campaign on the subject of "energy transition". On the BMWK's information page, you can find, among other things, the Heat Pump Suitability Analysis, where you can fill out a questionnaire to get initial information about the suitability of the building that is to be heated by a heat pump in the future, as well as information about which prerequisites still need to be created in order to be able to operate a heat pump efficiently and at the lowest possible electricity costs in an existing building.

Procedure

The Senator for Climate Protection, Environment, Mobility, Urban Development and Housing (granting agency) has commissioned the swb Customer Center Bremen to process the application; applicants from Bremerhaven can also contact the swb Customer Center Bremerhaven. Applications for funding must be submitted there.

swb Customer Center in Bremen, Sögestr. 59-61, Tel. +49 421 359 2658

swb Customer Center in Bremerhaven, Bgm.-Smidt-Str. 49, Tel. +49 471 477 2222

Legal bases

- [Förderrichtlinie "Ersatz von Ölheizkesseln"](#)
- [Ausführungsbestimmungen zur Förderrichtlinie](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The action supported must be completed within 13 months. The proof of use must be submitted at the latest 6 months after the end of the action.

How long does it take to process

14 days as soon as applications are received

What are the costs?

none