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EASTERN BAY ENERGY TRUST EXTENDS HOME INSULATION PROJECT

Eastern Bay of Plenty residents will benefit further from the recently announced extension of co-funding for retro-fit insulation work on poorly insulated and older houses.

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust's retro-fit insulation project, co-funded by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA), has resulted in over 3000 houses insulated over the past five years, resulting in warmer, drier and healthier homes.

With EECA's recently announced extension of co-funding, the Trust has made the commitment to continue support of the retro-fit insulation project, for at least a further twelve months.

The project involves the installation of new ceiling, underfloor and hot water cylinder insulation. The service is free to community service card holders who live in a house 20 years old or more.

A second, partially-funded programme is available for those people without community service cards, and landlords, who are eligible to receive a half subsidy from the Trust.

Trustees are concerned that there are many people still paying high electricity bills, living with mildew, condensation and dampness and suffering unnecessarily with heat in summer and cold in winter. People living in houses which may have inadequate insulation should contact the Trust's energy efficiency company, Energy Options.

Jo Hunt of Energy Options said "We know there are still hundreds of poorly insulated homes in the Eastern Bay, and we are keen to include them in the project. Many people are surprised to learn that the service is free of charge, and really appreciate the Eastern Bay Energy Trust's commitment to ensuring that all the region's homes are brought up to current insulation standards."

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