

The MCS Foundation 2025 Main Grant Call

Existing Research Guidance

Version 2

Below is a list of research linked to the provocations in the 2025 main grant call. Please note this is not a definitive list of related research.

1. What are effective grant and finance mechanisms to deliver measures?
 - 1.1. [CERT & CESP Evaluation, DESNZ](#)
 - 1.2. [CESP Evaluation, DESNZ](#)
 - 1.3. [Decarbonising Buildings Insights from across Europe](#)
 - 1.4. [ECO 2-3 Evaluation, DESNZ](#)
 - 1.5. [ECO4 Impact Evaluation, DESNZ](#)
 - 1.6. [Evaluation of reformed Renewable Heat Incentive, CAG Consultants](#)
 - 1.7. [Financing Energy Efficient Buildings, the Path to Retrofit at Scale, GFI](#)
 - 1.8. [Green Homes Grant Voucher Scheme Evaluation, DESNZ](#)
 - 1.9. [How to Attract Considerable Investment for Large-Scale Sustainable Initiatives, City Changers](#)
 - 1.10. [HUG1 Evaluation Report, DESNZ](#)
 - 1.11. [International Retrofit Delivery Models, National Retrofit](#)
 - 1.12. [Property-linked Finance, GFI](#)
 - 1.13. [Whole House Retrofit and-Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator Evaluation](#)

2. How do we engage citizens in retrofit and then turn engagement into action?
 - 2.1. [A review on the energy retrofit policies and improvements of the UK existing buildings, challenges and benefits, Science Direct](#)
 - 2.2. [Able to Pay Loan Fund Business Case Report, SWNZH](#)
 - 2.3. [Accelerator for One-stop Shops, INNOVATE](#)
 - 2.4. [Archetypes Library - Best Practice Guide, National Retrofit Hub](#)
 - 2.5. [Building place-based capacity for retrofit at SELCE's community festival, EDRC](#)
 - 2.6. [Community Energy Planning, The MCS Foundation](#)



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- 2.7. [Creating Sustainable Communities, University of Warwick](#)
- 2.8. [Demand Net Zero, Citizens Advice](#)
- 2.9. [Demonstration of Energy Efficiency Potential, DESNZ](#)
- 2.10. [Developing a place based approach to retrofit in Coventry, LGA](#)
- 2.11. [Eco-segmentation 2022, Sevanta](#)
- 2.12. [Empowering Homeowners to Insulate Their Homes Through Improved Awareness and Information, Which?](#)
- 2.13. [Enabling Locally Led Retrofit, E3G](#)
- 2.14. [Enabling Retrofit at Scale in Somerset, The MCS Foundation](#)
- 2.15. [Facilitating Retrofit: A Comprehensive Sectoral Analysis, UKGBC & The MCS Foundation](#)
- 2.16. [Financing Energy Efficient Buildings, the Path to Retrofit at Scale, GFI](#)
- 2.17. [Green Home Finance Accelerator Learnings, Carbon Trust](#)
- 2.18. [Green Homes Finance Accelerator, Carbon Trust](#)
- 2.19. [Home Retrofit for Public Health and Climate Resilience, Connected Places Catapult](#)
- 2.20. [Home Retrofit, UKGBC](#)
- 2.21. [Improving home retrofit policies with place-based solutions, University of Leeds](#)
- 2.22. [Improving Homes Good Home Hubs, Centre for Aging Better](#)
- 2.23. [International Retrofit Delivery Models, National Retrofit](#)
- 2.24. [Net-zero Neighbourhoods, 3Ci](#)
- 2.25. [Property-linked Finance, GFI](#)
- 2.26. [Rethinking retrofit: Relational insights for the design of residential energy efficiency policy, Science Direct](#)
- 2.27. [Retrofit Delivery - State of the Nation Review, National Retrofit Hub](#)
- 2.28. [Retrofit Facilitation Provider toolkit for Local Authorities, UKGBC](#)
- 2.29. [Retrofit One-stop Shops, Lessons from Irelands Success, Ashden](#)
- 2.30. [Retrofit Support Service, The MCS Foundation](#)
- 2.31. [Retrofit: Building Back Better, Dark Matter Labs](#)
- 2.32. [The role of non-profit organisations in the provision of retrofit services in England, Centre for Sustainable Energy, 2025](#)
- 2.33. [The System Challenges to Retrofit, Dark Matter Labs](#)
- 2.34. [Two in Five Homeowners Plan Energy Efficiency Upgrades but Massive Gap Remains for Net Zero, The MCS Foundation](#)
- 2.35. [Understanding Retrofit Clients, Plymouth Energy Community](#)
- 2.36. [URBAN RETROFIT UK: Scaling up place-based adaptations to the built environment through planning and development systems, UKRI](#)
- 2.37. [What Does a Place-based Citizen-led Approach to Retrofit Look Like? Carbon Co-op](#)

3. How do we increase the numbers of people entering the retrofit supply chain?
 - 3.1. [Apprenticeships: Key to Unlocking Gen-zs Green Potential, The MCS Foundation](#)
 - 3.2. [Construction Pathways into Retrofit, Skills Connect](#)
 - 3.3. [Developing Effective Partnerships with Training and Skills Providers, LGA](#)
 - 3.4. [Integrating Skills and Competency in Green Retrofit, The MCS Foundation](#)
 - 3.5. [Qualifications Training Map, National Retrofit Hub](#)
 - 3.6. [Retrofit Jobs, Ashden](#)
 - 3.7. [Retrofit: Solving the Skills Crisis, Ashden](#)