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Dear Ann,

I have just recently been informed that the Scottish Government have a fund to assist those in need who cannot cover the cost of installing the new series of smoke and heat detectors / alarms. The fund was originally £1m and in the last few days another £500k has been added to the fund.

I'm sure you will agree that everyone who needs financial assistance will be extremely happy at being able to obtain funding to comply with the law and install the equipment in their homes. The re is one major problem though, as of two days ago I was informed that East Dunbartonshire Council have seen fit **not to apply for any funding** from this government fund.

The funding should be available to older people, disabled people, private owners on low income and anyone who falls through the crack of not being a tenant of a housing association, council or private landlord, in these current times, not every homeowner is earning enough to cover running costs and then have to find cash for detectors.

Can you please explain why EDC felt that assistance within EDC would not be required.

Kind Regards,

Brian J McFall Secretary - MOCCC