

**Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations Request**

Reference: ECC18884913 08 25  
Response: 14 August 2025

**Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2024 (inclusive):**

**1. Number of applications received for the empty homes grant.**

**2. Number of applications approved, and total amount of grant funding awarded.**

**3. Number of applications refused, with a short description of the most common reason(s) for refusal (no more than the top three reasons, if recorded).**

**4. Number of applications still pending (no decision issued at the time of your response), including those awaiting further action from either the applicant or the council.**

**5. Average processing time (in weeks) from application submission to a decision being issued (for applications that have been decided).**

**6. Whether the scheme is currently open to new applications (yes/no).**

**If possible, please provide the information in an electronic spreadsheet format (e.g., .xlsx or .csv).**

I can confirm that Essex County Council does not hold this information. Your request should be directed to City, District and Borough Councils who may be able to provide you with the information. Please see our webpages which should help you further.

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