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**The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP**  
Secretary of State

Dear colleague

**Repair and Renew Grant – additional eligibility period and extended time to claim**

I am pleased to inform you that the Repair and Renew Grant eligibility period has been extended back to April 2013. I wanted to inform you of this change personally as I understand that your constituency may benefit from this extension.

The Repair and Renew Grant (RRG) was announced in February 2014 to help victims of the devastating floods last winter. Eligibility now includes those people who were flooded between 1 April 2013 and 30 November 2013 (in addition to the existing eligibility time frame of 1 Dec 2013 - 31 March 2014).

Homes and businesses that were flooded between 1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014 can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 through their local authority. The purpose of the grant is to help with the cost of establishing flood resilience and/or resistance measures in properties to minimise the risk or impact of any future flooding.

If people were flooded during the eligibility period and have already fitted new resilience measures they can still apply for the grant retrospectively to cover the cost. RRG can also be used for collaborative applications to establish community level resilience measures.

A number of local authorities let us know that they had concerns with meeting the deadline for the closure of the scheme which originally was 31 March 2015. We have responded by extending the deadline:

- For claims relating to properties flooded between 1 December 2013 and 31 March 2014 the deadline is now **30 June 2015** (extended by three months); and
- For claims relating to properties flooded between 1 April 2013 and 30 November 2013 the deadline is now **30 September 2015** (extended by six months).

General information about RRG can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flooding-recovery-households-and-businesses-applying-for-the-repair-and-renew-grant-scheme/flooding-recovery-households-and-businesses-applying-for-the-repair-and-renew-grant-scheme>



We have notified your local authority which administers the grant, and we encourage you to support them in their efforts, so that we can help as many people as possible.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Elizabeth Truss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E' and 'T'.

**Elizabeth Truss MP**  
**Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**