

Appendix B – Housing Assistance Grants

Scheme	Assistance available	Purpose	Scope of assistance	Eligibility	Scheme conditions
Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant	<p><u>Maximum assistance per application:</u></p> <p>Statutory maximum: currently £30,000</p>	<p><u>Assistance to:</u></p> <p>Meet the Council's statutory obligation to assist disabled residents to live independently in their homes</p>	<p><u>Aids and adaptations to:</u></p> <p>a) be recommended by an Occupational Therapist/OTA/Trusted assessor.</p> <p>b) meet the regulations governing eligibility for works, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitating access to the home and garden ▪ Making the premises safer ▪ Access to the principal family room or bedroom ▪ Access to a toilet, bath/shower and wash hand basin. ▪ Facilitating the preparation and cooking food ▪ Better heating ▪ Control of power, light and heat ▪ Caring for a dependent relative (access around the home to care for another person who 	<p><u>Applications considered from:</u></p> <p>a) disabled home owners;</p> <p>b) disabled tenants (both in the private and social housing sectors);</p> <p>c) disabled persons living at home with their family, and;</p> <p>d) parents or guardians of a disabled child;</p>	<p><u>Applications to include:</u></p> <p>a) completed application form, and;</p> <p>b) signed owners/tenants certificate.</p> <p><u>Applications subject to:</u></p> <p>a) means test through standard test of resources, except where;</p> <p>b) the grant is approved in respect of a disabled child under the age of 19</p> <p><u>Works to be:</u></p> <p>a) completed within 12 months of grant approval;</p> <p>b) completed to the satisfaction of the Council</p> <p><u>Grants in excess of £5,000 to be:</u></p> <p>a) registered as a local land charge against the property, and;</p> <p>b) a maximum of £10,000 be repaid if the property is sold, transferred, or assigned (disregarding the first £5,000), except where;</p> <p>i. the property disposal takes place less than 5 years following the date</p>

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			<p>normally lives there i.e., child, spouse)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Common parts – automated doors, safe paths, ramps, security lighting. 		<p>of the local land charge,</p> <p>ii. the Council considers that it is reasonable to require repayment having regards to the relevant regulations¹.</p> <p>iii. First £15,000 of your contribution will be disregarded</p>

¹ The Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996: Disabled Facilities Grant (Conditions relating to approval or payment of Grant) General Consent 2024

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<p>Disabled Facilities Top Up Funding Funded from Mandatory DFG</p>	<p><u>Maximum assistance per application:</u> £15,000</p>	<p><u>Assistance to:</u></p> <p>a) provide top-up funding to meet the reasonable cost of aids and adaptations to assist a private sector or housing association tenant or disabled family member to live independently in their home, where;</p> <p>b) a mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant is approved at the statutory maximum and the eligible expense less any client contribution exceeds the statutory maximum (currently £30,000).</p>	<p><u>Aids and adaptations to be:</u></p> <p>As set out above for Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grants</p>	<p><u>Applications considered from:</u></p> <p>a) applicants for a Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant, who are;</p> <p>b) disabled residents living in owner/occupier, private rented or housing association accommodation, or;</p> <p>c) disabled persons living in owner/occupier, private rented or housing association accommodation with their family, or;</p> <p>d) parents or guardians of a disabled child living in owner/occupier, private rented or housing association accommodation.</p>	<p><u>Applications to include:</u></p> <p>a) No separate application - assistance linked to Mandatory DFG application</p> <p><u>Applications subject to:</u></p> <p>a) means test through standard test of resources, except where;</p> <p>b) the grant is approved in respect of a disabled child under the age of 19</p> <p><u>Works to be:</u></p> <p>a) completed within 12 months of application approval;</p> <p>b) completed to the satisfaction of the Council</p>

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<p>Continued: Disabled Facilities Top Up Grant</p> <p>Funded from Mandatory DFG</p>	<p><u>Maximum assistance per application:</u> £15,000</p>	<p><u>Assistance to:</u></p> <p>c) provide top-up funding to meet the reasonable cost of aids and adaptations to assist a private sector or housing association tenant or disabled family member to live independently in their home, where;</p> <p>d) a mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant is approved at the statutory maximum and the eligible expense less any client contribution exceeds the statutory maximum (currently £30,000).</p>			

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Discretionary disabled facility grants	£25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This grant supports the mandatory DFG and top up grant where the works are excessive and recommended by an OT. This increases the mandatory DFG available where reasonable costs of the structural building works/equipment exceed £30,000 and the scheme is recommended by an OT. 	<p>As set out above for Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grants</p> <p>This funding is for large schemes where all other options have been explored.</p>	Owner Occupier	<p><u>Tenure – Owner Occupier</u></p> <p><u>Applications to include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) completed application form, and; b) signed owner’s certificate. <p><u>Applications subject to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) means test through standard test of resources, <p><u>Works to be:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) completed within 12 months of grant approval. b) completed to the satisfaction of the Council. c) The loan will be registered against the dwelling in the local land charges register. When the dwelling is sold or a change to the title deeds, the Council will require the grant to be repaid in full d) The scheme needs to be an OT recommended scheme

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<p>Non - Means Tested Disabled Facilities Grant</p> <p>Funded from Mandatory DFG</p>	<p>Total value of grant(s) awarded per property not to exceed. £15,000 (Where they apply to the same relevant person(s)).</p>	<p>As per Mandatory DFG</p>	<p>Non-Means Tested DFG only applicable for:</p> <p>provision of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stair lift • hoist • wetroom • ramps or access 		<p>a) All scheme conditions are the same as Mandatory DFG above except that no means test is applied, and will be registered on the local land charge register.</p> <p>b) Where a stairlift is not suitable for the relevant person for medical reasons or one cannot be installed on the stairs, funding can be put towards an alternative scheme, amount to be agreed by AHAT Manager.</p> <p>c) Wetrooms can include additional work to ensure the adaptation is useable by the client or to facilitate the installation.</p>

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<p>Independence at Home Assistance:</p> <p>Terminal illness or neurological condition</p>	<p><u>Maximum assistance per application:</u></p> <p>£15,000</p>	<p><u>Assistance to:</u></p> <p>Support hospital or hospice discharge at end of life to enable the applicant to return or stay at home.</p>	<p><u>Aids and adaptations to:</u></p> <p>a) be identified by a medical practitioner, end of life nurse, or Occupational Therapist as being required to enable the patient to return or remain home.</p> <p>b) either benefit the individual or their end-of-life carer or nurse;</p> <p>c) be either permanent or temporary fixtures or fittings.</p>	<p><u>Applications considered from:</u></p> <p>a) applicants who are referred from a medical practitioner, hospital or hospice.</p>	<p><u>Applications to include:</u></p> <p>a) completed application form, and;</p> <p>b) an estimate for the works in the required format.</p> <p><u>Applications subject to:</u></p> <p>a) one application only will be considered.</p> <p><u>Works to be:</u></p> <p>a) either permanent or temporary fixtures, and;</p> <p>b) may include the removal of temporary fixtures and fittings.</p> <p>c) In the case of rental stairlifts, funding can be used to extend rental period or warranty as considered appropriate to the circumstances.</p>

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Decent Homes Loan	<p><u>Maximum assistance per application(s) in any 5 year period:</u></p> <p>£25,000</p>	<p><u>Assistance to:</u></p> <p>These are discretionary loans towards the cost of works to make home free of Category 1 Hazards under the Housing Act, Housing, Health and Safety Rating System.</p>	<p><u>Aids and adaptations to:</u></p> <p>a) be identified by a medical practitioner, end of life nurse, or Occupational Therapist as being required to enable the patient to return or remain home</p> <p>b) either benefit the individual or their end of life carer or nurse;</p>	<p><u>Applications considered from:</u></p> <p>Eligibility will be means tested (the Council will use the means test based on the statutory test used for mandatory disabled facilities grants). The applicant must also prove that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to raise financial funds (proof required) • Have equity in the property • Household contain a vulnerable person 	<p><u>Tenure – Owner Occupier</u></p> <p><u>Applications to include:</u></p> <p>a) completed application form, and; b) signed owners certificate.</p> <p><u>Applications subject to:</u></p> <p>a) means test through standard test of resources,</p> <p><u>Works to be:</u></p> <p>a) completed within 12 months of grant approval. b) completed to the satisfaction of the Council c) The loan will be registered against the dwelling in the local land charges register. When the dwelling is sold or a change to the title deeds, the Council will require the grant to be repaid in full d) The referral needs to be made by a health professional (Occupational Therapist, Social Worker, Doctor etc...)</p>

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Dementia Grant	<u>Maximum assistance per application(s)</u> Minimum Grant £1000 and Maximum Grant £2,000	<u>Assistance to:</u> Aim Reducing the risk of falls in the home Reducing the risk of hospital admission Enabling safer independent living Improving well being	<u>Eligible works to:</u> a) Contrast colour bathroom fittings b) Assistive Technology i.e., WiFi security camera, automatic lighting etc. c) Flooring. d) Garden path/garden works	<u>Applicants must:</u> a) All Tenure with permissions. b) The referral needs to be made by a health professional (Occupational Therapist, Social Worker, Doctor etc...)	<u>Applications to include:</u> a) No application form, <u>Applications subject to:</u> a) Non means tested

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Private Sector Landlord Grant	£2000	One off payment towards the cost of making good, to encourage landlords to allow works.	Reinstate aperture when through floor lift removed. Removal of stair lift Removal of Ceiling track hoist Removal step lift Removal of shower and re-install a bath.	Private landlord	One off payment