



# Disabled Facilities Assistance Grant



## **This leaflet explains:**

- Disabled Facilities Grants for essential repairs and adaptations to homes
- How to apply for the grant
- How the grant will be paid
- What type of work is eligible

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## Language Line

We subscribe to Language line, a telephone interpretation service to help us in communicating with customers who do not speak English as a first language. If you require further assistance, or information in another language, please contact us.

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Arabic

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Mandarin

W celu komunikowania się z klientami, których jęz. ojczysty nie jest jęz. angielskim korzystamy z usług tłumaczenia przez telefon Language Line. Prosimy o kontaktowanie się z nami w celu uzyskania pomocy lub informacji w innym języku.

Polish

Temos uma assinatura com a Language Line, um serviço de interpretação por telefone que nos permite comunicar com os nossos clientes cuja língua materna não é o inglês. Se necessitar de informação ou de assistência noutra língua deve contactar-nos.

Portuguese

Наша организация является пользователем услуг компании Language line. Language line оказывает услуги телефонного перевода для общения с лицами, не владеющими английским языком. Если вам нужна дополнительная информация об этих услугах или если вы хотите получить информацию на другом языке, просим сообщить нам об этом.

Russian

## How we provide this service

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Details of grants for essential repairs and adaptations to homes is supported by Community Housing, Community & Neighbourhood Services.

The Disabled Facilities Grant is available for a range of work that will help a disabled person remain in their home.

You can apply for a grant if you are:

- a tenant or owner of a property
- a landlord applying on behalf of a disabled tenant

The person who applies for the grant does not have to be the disabled person who needs the adaptations.

However, the person applying for the grant will be asked to sign a certificate stating that the disabled person will occupy the home being adapted for at least five years. The time can be shorter because of the disabled persons health or other relevant factors.

Whoever applies for the grant must produce a certificate of ownership or tenancy.

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Contact Community Housing, they will be able to tell you what supporting document you may need. Please let us know if the work is urgent.

You will need to make sure that any building regulation approval or planning permission has been granted before you start work.

You will not get any grant if you have started work before the Council has approved your application.

You must submit your application at the earliest opportunity.

You will be notified, in writing, within six months of receipt of your application, whether you have been awarded a grant.



## How will the Disabled Facilities Grant be paid?

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The Council may pay the grant in instalments as the work progresses or once all the work has been completed.

Your grant will only be paid when the Council is satisfied that the work has been satisfactorily completed and in accordance with the grant approval.

Grants can only be paid on provision of:

- an invoice
- a demand
- a receipt

An invoice is not acceptable if it is for work or service provided by the applicant or a member of his or her family.

When work is carried out by the applicant or a relative, only invoices for materials or services that have been bought will be acceptable.

## Further Information on this service

### FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS SERVICE

#### What type of work is eligible for a Disabled Facilities Grant?

Disabled Facilities Grants are awarded for essential adaptations to give a disabled person better freedom of movement around the house. This work includes:

- widening doors or installing ramps
- providing a specially adapted room in which it is safe to leave a disabled person unattended
- installing a stair lift so there is better access to a bathroom, kitchen, or bedroom
- installing a downstairs bathroom
- improving or installing a heating system which is suitable for the disabled person
- adapting heating or lighting controls so that they are easier to use by a disabled person
- When a mandatory grant is available but the cost of the work exceeds the mandatory grant limit,

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### Further Information on this service

#### Does the Council have to give me a Disabled Facilities Grant?

The Council will have to ensure that the work is:

- necessary
- appropriate
- reasonable
- practicable
- feasible

An occupational therapist will be consulted to ensure the work is necessary and appropriate for the disabled person.

The Council can refuse a grant if it believes the scheme does not fit these criteria.

### Further Information on this service

#### Who can apply? / How is the Disabled Facilities Grant calculated?

The grant is means tested to ensure that those in the most need get the most help.

This will be determined by the income and capital of:

- the disabled person
- the disabled person's spouse or partner

It will take into account:

- a person's average weekly income
- any savings above a set amount

Some benefits, especially those that recognise a person's disability are not included.

If your resources are less than your assessed basic needs you will be given a full grant.

If your resources are more than your assessed needs you will be asked to make a contribution for some of the work costs and a grant for the remainder of the costs.

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## How to get in touch with us:

### Write to us at:

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Housing and Property  
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Spalding, Lincs PE11 2XE

**Call in and see us** at the Council  
Offices in Priory Road, Spalding -  
any weekday from 8.30am to 5.15pm,  
except on Fridays when we  
close at 4.45pm.

**Telephone:** 01775 761161  
ask to speak to ?????

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