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Who can apply for a disabled facility grant?

An enquiry for a Disabled Facilities Grant can be made by:

- ◆ A disabled person who is the owner of the dwelling or a tenant, if the property is rented.
- ◆ A disabled person who is not the owner or the tenant of the property, e.g. a child or a relative. In this case the person who owns the property, or the person whose name is on the tenancy, e.g. the parents of a disabled child, must make the application.

There is currently a maximum grant paid of £36,000 in relation to Mandatory Disabled Facility grants.

What is a Disabled Facilities Grant available for?

Disabled Facilities grants are available to provide essential adaptations to give you better freedom of movement into and around your home and to access essential facilities within it. Where necessary they can also provide the essential facilities themselves. The works that could be included in the grant would be intended: -

- ◆ to make it easier to get into and out of the dwelling by, for example, widening doors and installing ramps
- ◆ to ensure the safety of the disabled person and other occupants .

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- ◆ to improve lighting to ensure better visibility for the visually impaired
- ◆ to provide or improve access to the bathroom, and kitchen, toilet, washbasin and bath (and/or shower) facilities; for example, by installing a stairlift or providing a downstairs bathroom/shower room
- ◆ to improve or provide a heating system to suit the needs of the disabled person
- ◆ to reposition heating or lighting controls to make them easier to use
- ◆ to improve access and movement around the home to enable the disabled person to care for another person who lives in the property, such as a spouse, child or another person for whom the disabled person cares.
- ◆ to provide safe access to the garden

How do I apply?

To apply for a grant you will need to make a referral via the NPT Gateway Team on **01639 686802** who will pass on your details to the Occupational Therapy Service.

You will then be assessed in your home to identify your needs by a member of the Community Occupational Therapy Service, who will then draw up a list of works to adapt your home. These works will be used as the basis of your grant application.

The Disabled Facilities Grant process will involve:

- ◆ A formal application and means test (if required) to determine whether or not you are required to contribute towards the cost of the grant. For more information on this please see our leaflet:

Will I have to pay towards the cost of the work?

- ◆ A survey of your property to check if the recommended works are reasonable and practical

We will then approve your grant and arrange for a contractor to complete the recommended works. During this process we will supervise and monitor the works and sign them off once complete.

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Here is a quick guide to how your grant will be processed

START

Telephone the NPT Gateway
Team

Home assessment is carried out
to identify your needs

Recommendations are created
and forwarded to us

The Grants Section will contact
you to complete your application

We will visit you to discuss the
works at your property

Your Grant is Approved

We appoint & introduce you to a
contractor to agree with you a
convenient start date

We will ensure that the works
are completed to your
satisfaction

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If I have had a previous grant can I apply for another disabled facility grant?

Yes, your condition may have changed or deteriorated or your circumstances may have altered. You should get in touch with the NPT Gateway Team and make a new referral.

Grant Conditions

From 1st September 2011 Grant Conditions relating to the repayment of Disabled Facilities Grants will apply.

These conditions will apply to all Disabled Facilities Grants which exceed the sum of £5,000. They apply for 10 years from the date the Council decide that the work has been completed satisfactorily. This date is known as the 'Certified Date'.

If you would like more detailed information about Disabled Facilities Grants please contact us:

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