

Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)

Did you know that you can get financial help to make your home safer and easier to live in through an application for a disabled facilities grant (DFG) made with your local authority.



What is a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)?

A Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) helps to pay for essential changes to your home if you or someone you live with is disabled.

The aim is to:



Improve safety and independence.



Make everyday tasks easier.



Help stay in your home.

Who Can Apply?

You may qualify if:



You are disabled or live with someone who is disabled.



You own a home, rent privately, or are a housing association tenant.



The work is necessary and reasonable for your needs.



What Disabled Adaptations Can It Fund?



Ramps and stairlifts



Level-access showers or adapted bathrooms.



Widened doors or access improvements.



Kitchen changes to make cooking easier.



Safer heating, lighting, or controls



Other works agreed with the council.

How to Apply – Step by Step



- 1** Contact your Regional Housing Manager/Housing officer for some initial advice and sign posting to the right local authority team.
- 2** Contact your local council (Housing/Adaptations Team)
- 3** A home visit & assessment will normally be carried out – an occupational therapist may recommend the right changes.
- 4** Application form will need to be completed along with your personal details and finances.

How Much Help Can I Get?



Up to £30,000 in England (set by law; local rules may vary)



A means test may apply and will need to be carried out by the local authority (not for disabled children under 18)



The grant may cover all or part of the costs.

- 5** Approval will need to be given as the council/local authority decides if you qualify and confirms the work to be undertaken with any grant funding awarded.
- 6** Approved contractors carry out the adaptation work to completion and the local authority will sign these works off as completed.

Important to Know



Please discuss this initially with your Housing officer who can help you with such applications information and helpful advice.



You will need your landlord's permission before any works are carried out or commenced if you rent.



You must apply before work starts and grants cannot cover work already done.



The council/local authority should decide within 6 months of full application.

Want More Information?



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Independent advice:
Citizens Advice / local disability support groups

Tip: Ask the council for their "Disabled Facilities Grant and adaptations policy" for full details of how they manage applications. This may be on the council's website and is worth checking out.

