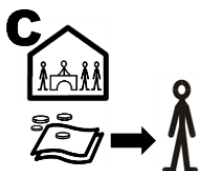


# Disabled Facilities Grant



This easy read document tells you about financial support that may be available to make your home accessible if you have disabilities.

## What is a Disabled Facilities Grant?



A [Disabled Facilities Grant](#) is money you can apply for if you have a disability.



The money is used for making changes to your home so it is easier for you to live there.



To apply for a grant you must [contact the council](#).



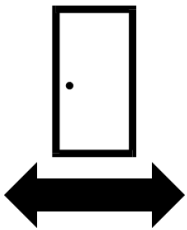
They will ask you to fill in a form and provide documents to show why a grant might help you.

## What can a grant be used for?



A grant is used to make changes that will support you to live in your own home.

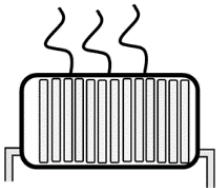
For example:



- you might want to have a wider door so you can get in and out of your home more easily.



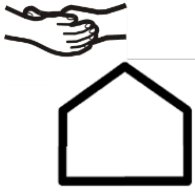
- making it easier to use your living room, bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen.



- Improve or provide heating.



- To make changes to help you to look after someone else who lives in your home.



- Make the building safe for you and other people who live there.



- Sometimes grants for other types of changes might be available if it is decided they might help you.



If you own your home or rent from a private landlord you can apply for a grant.



If you live in a council or housing association property you might still be able to make changes to your home.



If you want to apply for a grant please contact your local housing department for more information.

## **After you have contacted the council**



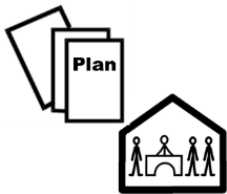
We will arrange for an occupational therapist to speak to you.



They will discuss what is important to you and what help or changes would meet your needs.



They give you advice and support to help you to live your best life at home.



The occupational therapist will give us recommendations to help you.

The council will only give you a grant if they think the work:

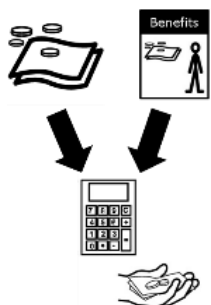


- is reasonable
- is necessary
- is right to meet your needs



The council will decide how much the work should cost and how much money you will be given.

Grants for adults are means tested. You can use an [online means test calculator](#) to see how much you could receive.



Checks will be made to see how much money you have. This will decide how much money the council will give you.



Grants for children under the age of 18 are **not** means tested.



If you can have a grant, you must fill in a form about your income and your savings.

This is called a financial assessment



It is used to decide how much money, if any, you will pay towards the cost of changes to your home.



The maximum amount you will be given in a Disabled Facilities Grant is £30,000.



If the work is going to cost more than this, the council will consider whether they can give you more money.



You can talk to your local district council housing grants department or your occupational therapist about the result of your financial assessment.



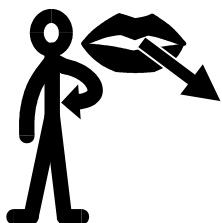
You might also be able to apply for charitable funding to help you with the cost.

## **What if I need help to organise the work?**



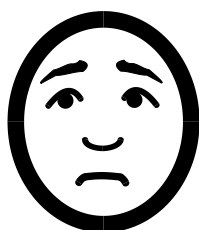
You can pay for someone to help you and the cost for this can be included in your grant application.

## What if I am unhappy about my application or the results?



Please talk to your occupational therapist first.

They are the best people to help and support you with your problem.



If that does not help you can make a formal complaint by contacting our Complaints and Information Team.



You can do this using our [online complaints form](#).



You can also write to:

Complaints and Information Team  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
County Hall  
Loughborough Road  
Nottingham  
NG2 7QP



You can also speak to someone at our [Customer Service Centre](#). They can answer most of your questions and help with information and form filling.

There are several ways to contact them, including:



**Web:** [Use our online contact form](#)



**Telephone:** 0300 500 80 80

**Text Relay:** 18001 0115 977 4050



People who have hearing or speech difficulties and prefer to communicate via text can use the Text Relay service through the [Relay UK app](#).



### **Sign Video**

People who use British Sign Language to communicate can use [the SignVideo app](#) to speak with us.



## **Links in this document**

### **GOV.UK - information about Disabled Facilities Grants**

[www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/disabled-facilities-grants](http://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/disabled-facilities-grants)

### **Means test calculator**

[foundations.uk.com/guides/process-a-dfg/means-test-calculator](http://foundations.uk.com/guides/process-a-dfg/means-test-calculator)

### **Nottinghamshire County Council Complaints contact page**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contact-and-complaints/complaints/comments-compliments-and-complants](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contact-and-complaints/complaints/comments-compliments-and-complants)

### **Nottinghamshire County Council contact page**

[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contact-and-complaints/contact-us/contact-us](http://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contact-and-complaints/contact-us/contact-us)

### **SignVideo app**

[signvideo.co.uk/downloads](http://signvideo.co.uk/downloads)

For plain English web page version of this information, go to:

[Nottshelpyourself | Disabled Facilities Grant \(DFG\) - Nottinghamshire County](https://nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/service.page?id=Ef30Flu4AbE&=)

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