

To the Lord Mayor, Chairperson and Members of  
The North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 18/10/2021

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## Home Grants Schemes Report

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Dublin City Council administers three Housing Grants Schemes across the city which are designed to provide assistance to people making adaptations to their privately owned homes to meet their medical needs and to older people in poor housing conditions carrying out essential repairs to their owner occupied homes. These schemes are designed to provide financial and technical assistance towards the adaptation/improvements to homes to make them more sustainable for independent living.

There are no delays with the three Home Grants Schemes administered by Dublin City Council at present. On submission of a full application, an applicant will have an initial inspection from a Dublin City Council Technical Inspector within 4 weeks of receipt of the application in Dublin City Council's Home Grants Unit. In circumstances where an urgent hospital release or other critical cases require immediate attention, the Home Grants Unit will try to carry out an inspection immediately after contact is made by the hospital and the application will be fast-tracked.

The Home Grants Unit can only report on all applications received, approved and paid by Dublin City Council on a *city wide* basis and ***not by geographic area***.

The total number of grants paid until the end of September 2021 was 859 to a value **€6,313,833**. The total number of grants approved to the end of August 2021 but not yet drawn down are 701. These are applications that have been approved but the applicant has not commenced the proposed works.

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