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Housing Adaptation Grants For Older People and People with a Disability.

Three Grants available for older people and people with disabilities to help make their privately owned home safer and easier to get around.

- 1. Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability.
- 2. Mobility Aids Grant.
- 3. Housing Aid for Older People Grant.

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability.

- \geq A Ramp or other ways to access your home.
- ≻Grab Rails.
- >Bathroom facilities like an accessible shower or downstairs toilet.
- ≻Stair Lift.
- ➢ Space for Wheelchair access.
- An extension (for a bedroom or bathroom to accommodate a person with a disability).

Grant Income Thresholds.

| YEARLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME | PERCENTAGE OF COSTS | MAX. GRANT FOR HOMES BUILT MORE THAN 12 MONTHS AGO | MAX. GRANT FOR HOMES BUILT WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Up to €30,000 | 95% | €30,000 | €14,500 |
| €30,001 – €35,000 | 85% | €25,500 | €12,325 |
| €35,001 - €40,000 | 75% | €22,500 | €12,875 |
| €40,001 - €50,000 | 50% | €15,000 | €7,250 |
| €50,001 - €60,000 | 30% | €9,000 | €4,350 |
| Over €60,000 | No grant payable | No grant payable | No grant payable |

Mobility Aids Grant.

- ≻Grab Rails.
- ≻A Ramp.
- >An Accessible shower.
- ≻A Stair Lift.

➤This Grant can cover 100% of the cost of the work, up to a maximum of €6,000. Only applies to households with a total income of less than €30,000.

Housing Aid for Older People Grant.

For People 66 years old or older. Sometimes this Grant can be paid to people under 66 years old, but only in cases of hardship.

- \succ Help repair or replace the roof.
- ➢Upgrade the Electrical Wiring.
- ➢ Repair or replace doors and windows.
- Provide central heating (where there is no central heating or it is broken beyond economic repair).

Grant Income Thresholds for Housing Aid for Older People Grant

| YEARLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME | PERCENTAGE OF COSTS | MAXIMUM GRANT |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Up to €30,000 | 95% | €8,000 |
| €30,001 – €35,000 | 85% | €6,800 |
| €35,001 - €40,000 | 75% | €6,000 |
| €40,001 - €50,000 | 50% | €4,000 |
| €50,001 - €60,000 | 30% | €2,400 |
| Over €60,000 | No grant payable | No grant payable |

No. of Grants provided under each Category 2022

| GRANT | Amount of Grants | Total amount Spent |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability | 859 | €8,877,835 |
| Mobility Aids Grant | 117 | €471,045 |
| Housing Aid for Older People Grant | 327 | €1,363,723 |
| TOTAL: | 1303 | €10,712,603 |

No. of Grants provided under each Category 2023

| GRANT | Amount of Grants | Total amount Spent |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability | 831 | €9,480,452 |
| Mobility Aids Grant | 130 | €496,178 |
| Housing Aid for Older People Grant | 458 | €1,984,756 |
| TOTAL: | 1419 | €11,961,387 |

Budget for Grants Provided 2022

| ALLOCATED IN 2022 | DOE (80%) | DCC (20%) |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| €8,717,553.00 | €6,974,042.00 | €1,743,511.00 |

| TOTAL SPENT IN 2022 | DOE (80%) | DCC (20%) |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| €10,712,603.00 | €8,570,082.00 | €2,142,521.00 |

Budget for Grants Provided 2023

| ALLOCATED IN 2023 | DOE (80%) | DCC (20%) |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| €8,782,802 | €7,026,242 | €1,756,560 |
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| TOTAL SPENT IN 2023 | DOE (80%) | DCC (20%) |
| €11,961,387 | €9,569,110 | €2,392,277 |

Other Information.

Special circumstances: -

Terminally ill
Hospital release
Applications accepted by DCC for Fixed Hoists (previously HSE).
Stair lift applications & Fixed Hoist applications are fast tracked

Retrospective Stair Lifts (where applicant has their own means to pay).

>Health Age Friendly Homes Co-ordinator.

Review and Expected Changes in 2024.

>DHLGH is reviewing Housing Adaptation Grant for Older People and People with a Disability Scheme.

 \triangleright Review is informed by engagement with relevant stakeholders and submissions.

Among areas the review has considered is income thresholds, grant limits, and the application and decisions making process.

DHLGH is engaging with Dept. Public Expenditure & Reform on recommendations and possible amendments to the Scheme.

Aims for 2024.

> Maintain high provision of various Grants for all applicants.

- Importantly, facilitate older people and people with a disability to continue to live independently.
- >Continue to build on progress to date.
- Support people to live in their own homes.
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