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# Housing Grants for Homeowners – a short guide

**Councils can provide grants to help with the cost of repairs and improvements to private homes to facilitate occupancy by older people and persons with a disability.**

## **Mobility Aids Grant**

Councils can provide grant aid for minor works to address mobility problems in privately owned homes.

The Mobility Aids Grant allows for the purchase and installation of grab-rails, level access showers, access ramps and stair-lifts and other necessary minor works.

This grant is available only to those with a household income of less than €30,000 per year. The maximum grant available is €6,000, which may cover 100% of the cost of the work.

## **Housing Adaptation Grant**

A housing adaptation grant may be provided where changes need to be made to a home to make it suitable for a person with a physical, sensory or intellectual disability or mental health difficulty.

The types of works allowable under the scheme include the provision of access ramps, downstairs toilet facilities, stair lifts, accessible

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showers, wheelchair access, and other works considered necessary. If annual household income is less than €30,000, 95% of the cost of the works (up to the maximum grant amount of €30,000) could be grant aided. The proportion of the costs aided will be tapered from 95% down to 30%, for those with annual household incomes of €50,001 to €60,000.

### **Housing Aid for Older People**

This scheme is used to improve the condition of an older person's home through repair or improvement works. It is aimed at people aged 66+ living in poor housing conditions. The types of works grant aided

under the Scheme include structural repairs or improvements, for example, re-roofing, re-wiring, drylining, and other repair or improvement work considered necessary.

If annual household income is less than €30,000, 95% of the cost of the works (up to €8,000) could be grant aided. The proportion of the costs to be grant aided will be tapered from 95% down to 30% for those with annual household incomes of €50,001 to €60,000.

**Contact your council to check which schemes operate in your area and to get more details.**

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