

factsheet

Housing and Health

HOUSING GRANTS

Who Are We?

The Grants Team is part of the Strategic and Private Sector Housing Division at Charnwood Borough Council. Our officers deal with all claims for grant assistance relating to the repair or adaptation of owner occupied or private tenanted accommodation.

What Grants are available?

Charnwood Borough Council offers the following categories of Grant Assistance :

- Disabled Facilities Grant
- Renovation Grant
- Home Repair Assistance Grant
- Decent Homes Grant
- Home Safety Grant
- Warm Front Hardship Grant
- Partnership Grant
- Relocation Grant

Whilst Disabled Facilities Grants are mandatory, other grants are awarded at the discretion of the Council and are subject to certain qualifying criteria and conditions.

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Disabled Facilities Grant

If you or a member of your household has difficulty in accessing your home, or rooms within your home, or are unable to use certain facilities within the house due to a disability, then it may be possible to apply for grant assistance for adaptations.

Firstly, contact Social Services on (01509) 266641 and an Occupational Therapist will assess whether adaptation works would be suitable (this will involve a home visit). They will also initiate a disabled facilities grant application if required.

Renovation Grant

Renovation Grants can only be awarded to properties within the priority areas (see 'what is the priority area?'). The type of work that can be considered for a renovation grant varies, but could include damp proofing, re-wiring and re-roofing amongst other things - an inspection of the property would be carried out by a Grants Officer to determine exactly which works could be included. All applicants are required to undertake a means test. As successive Grants are not allowed within 10 years (regardless of the value of Grant paid) it may therefore not be viable to apply for small grants.

Home Repair Assistance Grant

These grants are available to properties outside of the priority areas. Whilst the grant applicant is not subject to a means test, there are certain qualifying criteria that must be met.



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What is the Priority Area ?

The priority area covers certain streets in Loughborough. A detailed list is available on our website.

Decent Homes Grant

The grant is available to assist applicants who live outside a Priority Action Area (where the Council can award a discretionary Renovation Grant) and where the Home Repair Assistance Grant would not be sufficient, to bring the property up to the Decent Homes Standard. All applicants are required to undertake a means test.

As successive Grants are not allowed within 10 years (regardless of the value of Grant paid) it may therefore not be viable to apply for small grants.

Home Safety Grant

Home Safety Grants are available to all properties in Charnwood. The grant is not means tested but applicants must be in receipt of certain qualifying benefits. Types of work which can be undertaken are repairs to help eliminate risks to health and safety, connections to a community alarm scheme or security measures.

Warm Front Hardship Grant

The Warm front Hardship grant has been designed in partnership with the Warm front Team. It's purpose is to help applicants who have been awarded a Warm Front grant but cannot afford the difference between the grant and the cost of the works.



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Relocation Grant

The Relocation Grant is intended to aid disabled homeowners in Charnwood move to a home that is suitable for their needs. The grant will assist with the coincidental costs of moving to suitable accommodation, and will be considered in cases where adaptations to the applicant's current home through a Disabled Facilities Grant, is not a viable option. All applicants must be over 18. The grant is subject to detailed conditions and definitions and is awarded on a discretionary basis. Please refer to the full policy or contact us on the number below.

Can a Landlord Apply for a Grant ?

It is possible, in certain circumstances, for landlords to apply for Grant Assistance. The Partnership Grant will enable owners to bring empty properties to the decent home standard and back in to use. All applicants must be over 18. The grant is subject to detailed conditions and definitions and is awarded on a discretionary basis. Please refer to the full policy or contact us on the number below. To qualify for grant assistance, the property must have been empty for six months or more. The applicant will be required to enter in to a five year nomination rights agreement with the Council.

If you require more information please contact:

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This information is available in different formats. To access these please phone (01509) 634560.

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