



Home Safety Grant Guidance Notes

Home Safety Grants are intended for residents of the borough to help reduce or eliminate serious risks to their health and safety.

They are designed to assist low income applicants (either house owners or qualifying tenants but not landlords) to carry out specific essential work to their home. Applicants must be over 18 and have a valid National Insurance Number. Applicants should also have been resident in the property for at least twelve months unless otherwise stated.

All grants are subject to detailed conditions and definitions and are awarded on a discretionary basis. Please refer to the full Policy or contact us on the number below.

Qualifying Criteria:

To qualify for grant assistance, applicants must be on a low income and in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit where the assessed income is less than £ 16,040
- Working Tax Credit where the assessed income is less than £ 16,040
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit
- Disability Living Allowance
- Attendance Allowance
- Income Related Employment & Support Allowance

Qualifying Works:

1. Structural Repairs

- Prevent falls and/or reduce or eliminate other immediate risks that are likely to cause serious harm or injury (such as repairs to floors, staircases, steps and ceilings)
- All identified significant risks must be included in the application.
- The Grant will be a minimum of £50.00 and no more than £2500.00
- There will be no repayment conditions.

2. Community Alarm Scheme

- Connect an elderly, infirm or disabled person to a Community Alarm Service (such as Lifeline). This means the set-up costs, and excludes on-going line rental fees.
- The Grant will be a minimum of £50.00 and no more than £2 500.00
- Applicants applying for this grant are not subject to the twelve month prior residence rule.
- There will be no repayment conditions

3. Home Security

- Install appropriate home security measures where the applicant is deemed to be at risk (such as window or door locks)
- The Grant will be a minimum of £50.00 and no more than £2500.00
- There will be no repayment conditions

More than one grant can be awarded in any 3 year period, providing the total value does not exceed £2500.00.

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