

| How much will you get?

The Disabled Facilities Grant is subject to a full test of financial resources of the applicant. Not all income is taken into account, for example, Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance are disregarded altogether.

Savings and investments are "converted" to income although the first £6000 of capital is disregarded.

If your income is higher than the amounts set down, you will have to make a contribution towards the cost of the works.

The contribution is calculated from a tapered formula, which means the greater your income, the higher your contribution would be.

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| Presence Office Opening Times*

- Attleborough (Town Hall) Thursday 9.00am – 3.00pm
- Swaffham (Town Hall) Monday 9.30am – 4pm
- Watton (Town Hall) Wednesday 9.30am – 2.30pm

*There are no housing teams at these offices

a guide to disabled facilities grants

This leaflet is also available in large print,
on tape and in other languages on request.



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Disabled ? Or living with someone who is disabled?

If you or someone living with you is disabled, a Disabled Facilities Grant can help you to adapt your home to allow the disabled person to continue living there.

The grant is limited to a maximum of £25,000 and is subject to several conditions:

- To qualify the applicant must be registered disabled or be eligible to be registered.
- The house must be the disabled person's only or main residence.
- The disabled person's income will be assessed to establish what contribution they may have to make towards the cost of the work. (Applicants claiming certain benefits would not have to pay a contribution).
- Adaptation works must not have started before the grant is made.

Occupants of permanent residential caravans/mobile homes are also eligible to apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant.

Who can get a Disabled Facilities Grant?

The grant must be used to make adaptations to the home that the disabled person lives in. Owner occupiers, tenants or landlords can apply.

Who decides what's needed?

An Occupational Therapist (OT) from Social Services will normally be involved to do an assessment of the person's needs. The OT will make a recommendation to the Breckland Council about what adaptations are needed. Information may also be provided by your GP or consultant. Specialist practitioners may also be involved.

How to get help with the application

A Home Improvement Agency is a not-for-profit organisation which helps vulnerable homeowners and private sector tenants who are older, disabled or on low income to repair, improve, maintain or adapt their homes.

If you are applying for a Disabled Facilities Grant, you can ask Care and Repair (West Norfolk), which covers the Breckland area, to help you through the process:

West Norfolk Care and Repair
Kings Lynn +West Norfolk
Borough Council
Kings Court, Chapel St
Kings Lynn, PE10 1EX
Tel: 01553 616705
Email: careandrepair@west-norfolk.gov.uk

If you are a tenant of Peddars Way Housing Association, please contact Flagship Housing on

Flagship
Flagship House,
Progress Way,
Eye
Suffolk
IP23 7HU
Tel: 01379 873200
Fax: 01379 871270
Email: info@flagship-housing.co.uk
Website: <http://www.flagship-housing.co.uk>

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Further Information

There is a useful booklet about Disabled Facilities Grants from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. For a free copy contact

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