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Information and Guidance Package

Disability Facilities Grant

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Dignity LC Services are not directly involved in any of the processes detailed herein.
We do not offer assistance completing forms, applications or give any advice.

This information package is designed purely to provide impartial guidance to help point our potential clients in the right direction and make sure you are aware of the support and help that is available from other organisations and authorities.

Dignity LC Services offer the installation and supply of equipment and completion of any adaptation work.

If you are funding your adaptation through a grant or other scheme, Dignity LC Services will be more than happy to carry out the adaptation work once you have obtained your funding.



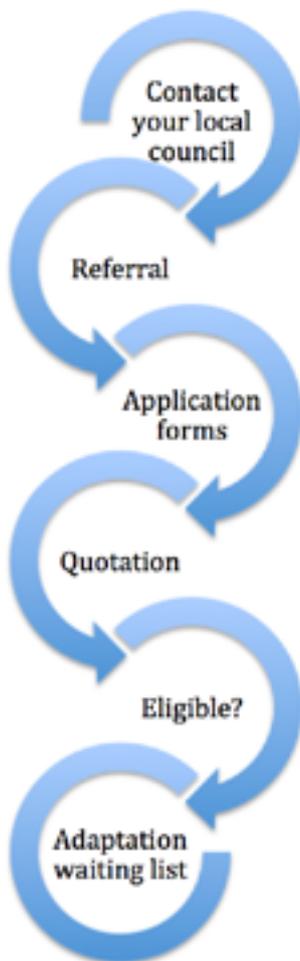
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If you are disabled or chronically ill you may be eligible for the Disability Facilities Grant from your local council. If eligible the Council will fund all or part of the adaptation work to your home.

The grant is available for (non-exhaustive list):

- Access to your home; e.g. installing ramps
- Widening doors
- Installation of a stairlift
- Downstairs bathrooms.

Application Process



Your local council will arrange an assessment with an Occupation Therapist to assess your needs and advise you on your most suitable options. This may involve a home assessment.

If your Occupation therapist assessment finds that it is necessary and appropriate to have an adaptation you will be referred to the relevant housing department

Your application form detailing the above two points must be filed with your Council. Your Council will normally provide assistance completing this form.

As part of your application you must obtain three work quotations for the work suggested from your OT assessment. Dignity LC Services provide a FREE no obligation quotation service for this.

You will normally receive an answer of whether your application has been accepted within six months of filing your application. If you do not agree with the decision you may be able to appeal this.

If you are eligible you will be placed on a waiting list. Your adaptation will be funded when the relevant funds are available.

This document is designed to provide a broad overview. For more information visit your local councils website.



Frequently asked questions and answers

Question: I'm not eligible for the DFG, what are my other options?

Answer: An alternative option is to privately fund the adaptation. If your financial position can compensate this, you may be able to have the work complete faster due to minimising the time constraints involved with the DFG application process.

Additional options:

- Aids and Minor adaptations in England (for adaptation up to the value of £1000)
- Help from social care in England

Questions: How much is the grant?

Answer: The maximum amount available is £30,000 in England. However the actual amount of grant awarded is basis on the price of the adaptation work and the income and savings of the disabled person.

Question: What if the grant is not enough?

Answer: please refer above to 'Additional options'.

Question: When is the grant paid?

Answer: The grant is only paid when the work is completed and the council are satisfied the work is completed to a satisfactory standard.

