

Disabled facilities grants



Disabled people living in Eden who are in need of aids or alterations to their home may be eligible for a disabled facilities grant.

This grant is also available for elderly persons who are struggling with mobility. The aim of this grant is to help maintain people's independence and safety in their own home for as long as possible.

Example of works carried out under grant include:

- Stair lifts
- Level access shower facilities
- Ramps
- Making the property wheelchair accessible
- Specialist toilet facilities

If you would like more information on the types of works available, please contact the Home Improvement Agency on **01768 810086**.

How to apply for a disabled facilities grant

For consideration of a grant, you need a recommendation from an Occupational Therapist. To do this you can contact Adult Social Care and request an Occupational Therapist to visit your home to assess your needs, by telephone on **0300 3033249** or by emailing **customerservicesnorth@cumbria.gov.uk**

What will a grant cost me?

Disabled facilities grants are means tested, in certain circumstances, depending on the extent of the work required. This is to make sure that help goes to the people in greatest need, the amount of grant you receive is decided after your own financial resources have been taken into account.

This test of financial resources is the way we work out how much, if anything, you should pay towards the proposed adaptations.

Children's applications and applicants on certain benefits are not means tested.

Contact details:

Contact: Home Improvement Agency

Email: better.homes@eden.gov.uk

Telephone: 01768 810086 or 01768 817817

Address: Eden District Council, Mansion House, Friargate, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7YG.