

Do I have to use a contractor appointed by the council?

No you can use your own contractors to quote for the work but the council will only pay for the work once they are satisfied it has reached an adequate standard. When using your own contractor, you are responsible for ensuring that they have the correct insurances in place. You or a family member can do the work but the applicant is only eligible to claim for the cost of materials. If you choose to use Swale Home Improvement Agency they will appoint a contractor on your behalf from their list of approved contractors.

What if I don't want to use the Home Improvement Agency?

You are still eligible for a Disabled Facilities Grant even if you do not want to use the Home Improvement Agency. The Home Improvement Agency fee is still applicable as they still need to oversee the works and sign off key stages.

What if I want to do more work than the Disabled Facilities Grant assessment specification?

The Occupational Therapist and Home Improvement Agency will work up technical drawings and costings for works that are eligible under the Disabled Facilities Grant. This will determine the amount of grant required. Should you wish to commission work that exceeds the Occupational Therapist/Home Improvement Agency specification then the assessed Disabled Facilities Grant requirement will be offered to you and you can then put this towards the cost of works.

Want to know more?

More information about Disabled Facilities Grants is also available at:

hambleton.gov.uk/dfg

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Useful Links

You may find the following websites useful:

northyorks.gov.uk/disabled-people-specialist-equipment-home-adaptations-and-aids

northyorks.gov.uk/repairs-your-home

yorkshirehousing.co.uk/support/home-improvement/

gov.uk/disabled-facilities-grants

foundations.uk.com/dfg-adaptations/



Disabled Facilities Grant



Guidance

If you or a member of your household are disabled and need to make changes to your home you could be eligible for a Disabled Facilities Grant from Hambleton District Council.

What is a Disabled Facilities Grant?

Disabled Facilities Grants pay for adaptations to help you stay living in your own home such as:

- widening doors and installing ramps
- improving access to rooms and facilities eg installing stair lifts or a downstairs bathroom
- providing a suitable heating system
- adapting heating or lighting controls to make them easier to use

A maximum of £30,000 (minus 15% administration fee) is available depending upon your income and savings and it does not matter whether you own or rent your home. A Disabled Facilities Grant will not affect any benefits that you get.

The council works with Swale Home Improvement Agency to deliver Disabled Facilities Grants to Hambleton residents.



Swale can help you with the Disabled Facilities Grant application process, including completing the relevant forms and helping to find a contractor to do the work for you. You can contact Swale Home Improvement Agency by calling 0345 3664406 or emailing: swalehia@yorkshirehousing.co.uk

What does the grant cover?

The grant pays for the works, either in full or in part, and Swale Home Improvement Agency's fees (which are currently set at 15%). For example if the adaptations cost £10,000 Swale Home Improvement Agency's fee would be £1,500 which would equate to a grant of £11,500.

What happens if the cost of the adaptation and the fees exceed £30,000?

The council can offer a 'top up' of up to £10,000 with some discretion. If the property is owned by a Housing Association then any top up would be split 50/50 between the council and the Association. The council also works with the county council and any relevant charities where necessary to help secure any additional funding that might be needed. In some circumstances applicants may occasionally need to contribute towards the cost of the works.

How do I apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant in Hambleton?

All applicants will first need to have an assessment carried out by an Occupational Therapist from North Yorkshire County Council who will recommend the most appropriate adaptation. You can arrange for an Occupational Therapist assessment by calling 01609 780780.

The Disabled Facilities Grant application process

