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# HAVE YOU HEARD

## OF A DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT?



## ? WHAT IS A DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT (DFG)?

The DFG is a means-tested grant, available to disabled persons, for adaptations to provide better facilities and freedom of movement in and around their home. Where adaptations are necessary, a DFG offers help with the cost of providing these to the home, making it easier for you to continue living there.

A DFG covers adaptations such as:

- Stairlift
- Ramped access
- Level/low access shower
- Ground floor bathrooms.

The DFG is up to the maximum value of £30,000, however if you have a regular income or savings you may have to contribute towards the cost of the works. (No contribution is required for a child's DFG)

## i WHO IS IT FOR?

The service is offered to disabled people who need adaptations and live within Oxford City, South Oxfordshire District Council & Vale of White Horse District Council.

## T WHAT CAN WE DO?

If you are eligible for adaptations we will visit you in your home to discuss the proposed works and carry out a means test to see how much you need to contribute (if anything) to the cost of the work.

Our aim is to make the journey as easy and worry free as possible. We will guide you through the process and help you with any form filling and answer any of your questions, worries or concerns.

We will also help you with writing the schedule of works, selecting suitable contractors and obtaining prices on your behalf. If necessary, we will obtain any approval notices that are required such as planning and building control. We can also liaise with landlords and housing associations to gain permission.

Once works are completed we will visit you to make sure you are happy with the works and arrange for the contractor to be paid on your behalf. There is a fee for our service which is included as part of the grant.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR A DFG?

Before you can apply for a grant your needs must be assessed by an Occupational Therapist (OT) employed by Oxfordshire County Council. The OT will tell us if they think a DFG is the right way to meet your needs and what sort of adaptations they think are suitable. We then decide if the proposed adaptations are 'reasonable and practicable'. Our Disabled Facilities Grant policy (which is on our website) explains how we set about making those decisions.

More information about the DFG process and how to request an initial assessment is given in the Adaptations Booklet on our website

[www.oxford.gov.uk/dfgbooklet](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/dfgbooklet)

You can arrange for an OT assessment by contacting: **0345 050 7666**

If you are not eligible for a Disabled Facilities Grant our services are still available to help support you with the adaptations in your home for a small fee.

Call us using the contact details listed on the last page and we will take details of the work you require and we will contact you to arrange an appointment. If we are not able to help we may be able to give you advice on contacts get the job done.

## OTHER HELP WE CAN OFFER

There are grants, benefits and sources of advice available to make your home more energy efficient, improve your heating, boiler servicing / repairs or help with bills. We also offer grants & assistance with repairs, to help you remain safe and independent in your own home. Call our advisor for free advice and more information on what is available. We also offer a small repairs service that can carry out works to your home at a subsidised rate if you are eligible.

**Our Home improvement agency is dedicated to helping older, disabled and vulnerable people to live safely and independently in their own home. HIA trained advisers are on hand to help you with all sorts of problems that might affect your home.**



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