



Disabled Facilities Grants

are available from South Somerset District Council to provide financial assistance to disabled people who wish to adapt their home to make it easier for them to go about their normal daily routines.

Adaptations can be simple items such as the provision of a stair lift or shower. They can also include major items such as building an extension to provide a bedroom or shower room.

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What they are and how to apply

Do I qualify for a grant?

You will qualify for grant aid if you are either registered or registerable as disabled. If you think you may be, then you should ring Social Services on 0845 345 9133 to arrange an assessment by an Occupational Therapist.

Who can apply?

Housing association tenants, private tenants, private homeowners and tenants of South Somerset Homes can all apply for grant aid.

If you are a tenant of a South Somerset Homes property, minor works such as the provision of handrails and ramps may be carried out by the South Somerset Homes housing maintenance service and in this case you should contact your local South Somerset Homes office.

How do I apply for a grant?

The Occupational Therapist who visits you to make an assessment will refer your details to us. You will then be visited by a Grants Officer, who will explain the grant scheme and carry out the preliminary means test if necessary. You will be informed how much, if any, you will have to contribute so that you can decide whether or not you wish to proceed.

What is the next stage?

Once you have decided to go ahead, you will need to arrange for a scheme of works to be drawn up. South Somerset District Council provides an agency service called the "Home Aid Partnership" which can prepare the scheme and help make the grant application for you (usually provided free of charge) if you need help.

You can contact the Home Aid Partnership on 01935 462462.

How much grant will I get?

The maximum grant payment is £25,000.

How long does this take?

It normally takes between eight and 12 weeks from an initial enquiry to approval of a simple scheme (subject to the availability of the necessary grant budget). A more extensive scheme will take longer, depending on its complexity. Work must not begin on site until formal approval of your application has been issued.



Does the grant have to be repaid?

When you apply for a grant you must sign to say you intend to live in the property for the next five years. However, if you leave before then without good reason, you may have to repay the grant.

If your grant is for a stair lift or another piece of moveable equipment, and for whatever reason you no longer need it, the council will normally ask for it to be returned for reuse.

