



Factsheet 4: Housing /Home Improvement Grants

- 1. Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability**
- 2. Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme**
- 3. Housing Aid for Older People**

Note: There is now a single application form for all grants. You can apply for more than one grant at the same time. When the application is received, the Local Authority will send a technician to visit your home.

I've already started works - Is it too late to apply for a Housing Grant?

- Yes. In order to receive a grant, works must not commence until you receive written approval from Galway City or Galway County Council to proceed with the works.

1. Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

- For homes that are privately owned **or** rented from a landlord with a registered tenancy agreement **or** provided by an Approved Housing Body **or** a communal residence.
- This grant is for people with a physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual disability. It is for changes you need to make to improve access to your home.
- These include ramps /grab rails/ downstairs toilet facilities/accessible shower/stair lifts / wheelchair access or other works deemed necessary. Extensions may be subject to planning permission.
- The grant is means tested, with a sliding scale based on income. Maximum grant €30,000 or 95% of total cost. Maximum gross income €60,000
- You need a Doctor's report, an Occupational Therapist's (OT) report for big changes and a quotation for cost of the works

2. Mobility Aids Housing Grant

- For homes that are privately owned **or** rented from a landlord with a registered tenancy agreement **or** provided by an Approved Housing Body **or** a communal residence

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- This grant is for grab rails / access ramps / level access showers/ stair lifts and other minor works
 - The grant is means tested. Maximum grant €6,000 or 100% of cost of works, whichever is the lesser. Maximum gross income €30,000.
 - You need a Doctor's report, an Occupational Therapist's (OT) report for a stair lift and a quotation for cost of the works.
3. **Housing aid for the older person** 66 years and over (discretion may be applied under certain circumstances)
- For homes that are privately owned or where there's a right of residence
 - Structural repairs and improvements, rewiring, repairs to/replacement of windows and doors, water and sanitary services
 - Heating may be considered under certain circumstances
 - The grant is means tested, there is a sliding scale based on income. Maximum grant €8,000 or 95% of total cost. Maximum gross income €60,000

VAT can be reclaimed on Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability and Mobility Aids Grant

This leaflet is intended as a guide only. For full information and application forms please contact your local office or check out the websites

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