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Home Repair Assistance



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The Private Sector Housing Team works in conjunction with The North Worcestershire Care & Repair Agency when administering and funding Home Repair Assistance. The aim of providing this discretionary grant is to ensure that people remain safely in their homes and communities for longer and are available for households that do not have the financial resources to pay for the necessary works to the property. Assistance is given in the form of a grant ranging from £200 to £5,000 which is available for ensuring properties are warm, safe and meet the Decent Home Standard.

HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE GRANT

A grant of up to £5,000 is available for all eligible residents of Bromsgrove District for essential repairs and improvements in order to assist elderly and vulnerable people to remain safely in their homes. The grant may be used for any of the following minor repairs, improvements or adaptations, this list is not exhaustive and therefore if in doubt please ask: -

- Gas safety work
- Rewiring a dwelling where the wiring is dangerous

- Roof repair where the roof is leaking
- Installation of a damp-proof to the property where there is rising damp.
- Structural defects
- Heating-boiler/fires where defective or missing
- Provision or repair of hot water system

OWNER OCCUPIERS AND PRIVATE TENANTS

Both owner occupiers and private tenants who have a duty or power to undertake works can apply for a Home Repair Assistance Grant. The applicant must also fulfil the following criteria:

- 60 years or over, and
- In receipt of one of the following income related benefits:
 - Income support
 - Job Seekers Allowance
 - Working Tax Credit
 - Housing Benefit
 - Disability working allowance
 - Council Tax Benefit
 - State Pension Credit

Or

- In receipt of Attendance or Disability Living Allowance
- Registered disabled or eligible to be registered disabled, and
- Have less than £6,000 savings

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM GRANTS AVAILABLE

There is a minimum grant of £200 and maximum grant available per application of £5,000 within a 3 year period, the requirements are supported by the caseworkers visit. Where the cost of the scheme exceed the financial limits the council has the discretion to award additional funds through other available grants e.g. Renovation Grant. Assistance is available for those who fulfil the qualifying criteria and where the following applies: -

- The property is deemed to be unsafe as determined under the new Housing Act 2004
- The occupants health or wellbeing is detrimentally affected by the housing conditions

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information regarding Home Repair Assistance and the process involved please do not hesitate to contact the Private Sector Housing Team on 01527 881288 or access the Private Sector Housing Section of Bromsgrove District Council's website.