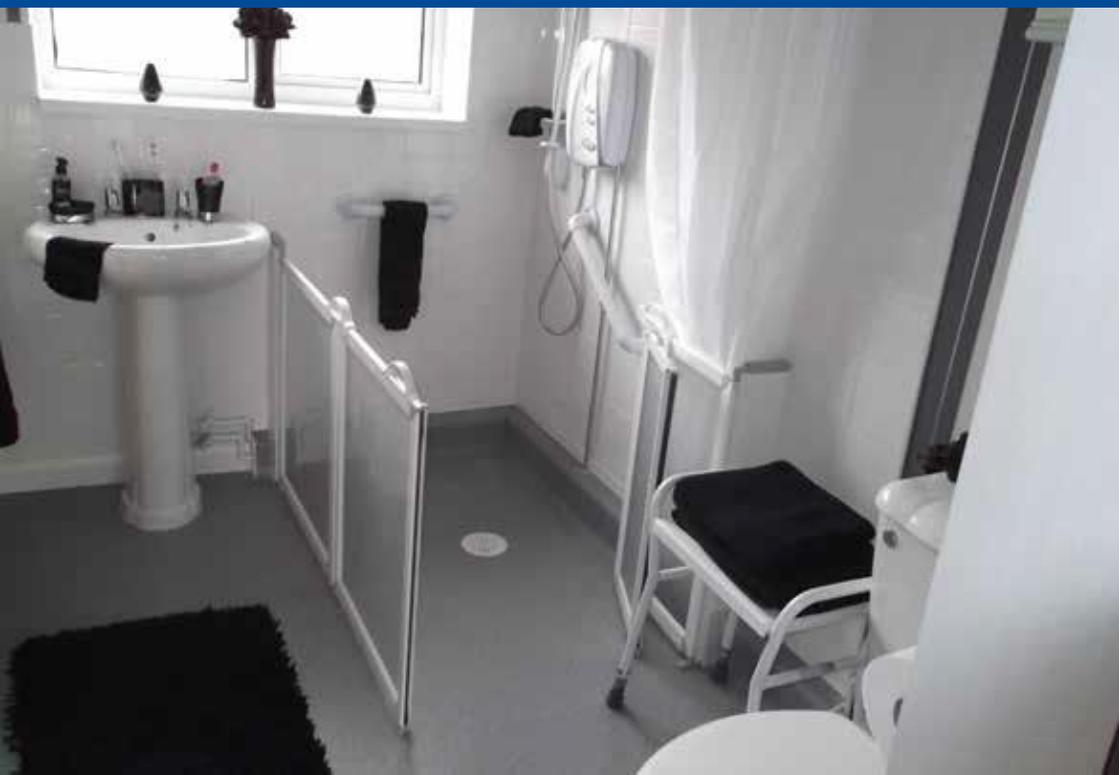


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# Disabled Facilities Grant



## What is a Disabled Facilities Grant?

The grant is to help towards the cost of providing adaptations to enable people with a disability to continue to live in their home.

## How do I apply?

Boston Borough Council require a referral for a grant from a Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) Occupational Therapist who will assess the disabled person's needs. If they think that your home needs adapting they will make a formal referral to us. You or someone acting on your behalf will need to contact LCC Social Services directly on 01522 782155 to arrange an assessment.

## What works can be carried out?

The following are some examples of what can be done under DFG:-

- Ramps to help you get in and out of your home
- Showers if you are no longer able to use a bath
- Stair-lifts if you can't get up and down stairs
- Widening of doorways for wheelchair access

The following are some examples of what is NOT usually grant funded:-

- Dropped kerbs and parking facilities
- Storage and access routes for electric scooters
- Providing new space for bathrooms, toilets, bedrooms etc where existing space could be readily converted

Boston Borough Council may be able to provide a Discretionary Grant to help you move to a more suitable home if your property cannot easily and/or affordably be adapted to meet your needs.

## How long will it take?

All grants are processed in date order from when we receive the referral from LCC Social Services. Other than for extensions, which may take a while do the their nature, we aim to reduce timescale from receipt of a referral to completion of the works by using a county wide framework with builders contracted to complete the works within a specified time. Often the process is delayed by applicants not returning the necessary forms and information, so to help yourself and us we ask that you do this as soon as your receive the request from us.

## **How are grants processed?**

Initially you will be sent a preliminary 'means test'. Once it has been returned and assessed, we will tell you if you are eligible and give you an indication of when funding is likely to become available if you wish to proceed. When funding is available, we will send you an application pack setting out further information about the process and what you need to do. From receipt of a complete and valid application we have up to six months to approve or refuse a grant.

Grant will not be paid for any adaptation that has already been started or for any works completed.

Further information about the means test is available on our website at [www.mybostonuk.com/disabledfacilitiesgrant](http://www.mybostonuk.com/disabledfacilitiesgrant)

## **How much grant funding could be available?**

All referrals for adults are 'means tested' to ensure that funding goes to households in greatest need, however, applications for children are not means tested. We use the same means test as all other councils which is set out in law. Whether or not you will have to make a financial contribution is therefore beyond the control of the Council.

The amount of grant you will receive will depend on the outcome of your means test and the cost of eligible works and fees. The maximum grant that can be paid is £30,000 including fees.

## **Will I have to pay the grant back at any time?**

If you are an owner occupier, any grant exceeding £5,000 may be registered as a local land charge against the property. The maximum local land charge we can register is capped at £10,000 above the first £5,000. The local land charge will be repayable if the property is sold or otherwise disposed of within 10 years of the grant works being completed.

For further information please see our website

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