How to pay for adaptations to your home

Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) are available to people who are finding it harder to do things at home. This grant can be used to make changes (adaptations) to your home and to buy equipment to help you to live as independently and safely as possible. For example, you may be able to apply for a DFG if you find it difficult to:

- move around your home or climb the stairs
- get in and out of the bath
- prepare food

What is a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)?

A Disabled Facilities Grant is a grant from **Care & Repair Newcastle at Newcastle City Council**. It is used to pay for essential adaptations to your home, including improving:

- access to your home: such as widening doors and installing ramps
- access inside your home: for example, installing a stair lift, a hoist, an accessible bathroom or wet room
- heating and lighting controls
- or provide a specially adapted room where you can be comfortable and manage things without needing help

See **Equipment and Aids** for more details on different types of adaptations and support available.

Care & Repair Newcastle at Newcastle City Council is a home improvement agency. They help people to adapt their homes who are unable to do so themselves. They support disabled people, older people and vulnerable people to live independently and safely at home for longer. To use this service you will need to meet their eligibility criteria. This may also be means tested. If you are eligible for support they can help you to apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) and loan equipment. Contact them for more information.

Can I apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant?

To apply for a Disabled Facilities Grant you or the person you are applying for must:

- be the homeowner or rent the house from a private landlord

- plan to live in the property for at least 5 years
- need a major adaptation to be able to live in your own home safely and with dignity.

Read more on gov.uk

How much may I receive?

How much you may receive depends on your finances and if you receive certain benefits. If you are on a low income, the grant may cover all or some of the costs of the work.

Contact **Care & Repair Newcastle** for more information.

Applying for a Disabled Facilities Grant

Contact **Adult Social Care at Newcastle City Council** if you think you may be eligible for a Disabled Facilities Grant. They can arrange for you to have a needs assessment to find out what help is available to you. They can also offer advice and support to help you.

Care & Repair Newcastle can help you to apply for a Disabled Facilities Grants, if you are eligible for this support.

Newcastle Council Housing tenants can contact the Adaptations Team.

What if I'm not eligible for a grant?

If you're not eligible for a disabled facilities grant, there are other services that can help you with:

- paying for adaptations to your home privately
- buying the right equipment for you
- borrowing equipment
- hiring equipment
- grants or funding to buy equipment
- support at home

Read more about **Home adaptations, equipment and aids on InformationNOW** to find out about other services and support.

Financial help from charities

Citizens Advice Newcastle has information on charities that can offer financial help to former employees from a particular trade who are struggling to pay for the items they need.

The Royal British Legion or **SSAFA Forces Help** or **ABF The Soldiers' Charity** may be able to help pay for equipment and adaptations if you are a veteran.

The Chronicle Sunshine Fund is a local North East charity that provides specialist and adapted equipment to children and young people aged 0-19 living with disabilities, additional needs, chronic and terminal illness. They fund equipment that cannot be provided by NHS or local authorities.

Check you're claiming benefits that you can

There are disability-related benefits that you may be able to apply for such as:

- **Disability Living Allowance (DLA))**
- **Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**
- **Attendance Allowance**
- **Carer's Allowance**

See **gov.uk** for more information.

Where to get benefits advice

You can get benefits advice from a local independent service. They can help guide you through the application process and explain how some benefits may impact upon another. Services in Newcastle include:

- **Citizens Advice Newcastle (CAN)**.
- **Newcastle Welfare Rights Service** have **self help material** on their website
- **Search Newcastle** give benefits advice to older people in the West of Newcastle
- **Disability North** give disability related benefit advice, help with appeals and representation at tribunals

Search for Benefits advice organisations

Location:
Postcode:
Search

Other useful information

- **Adapting Your Home Guide** – Age UK booklet
- **Legal & General** now offer help to find and fund care
- **The design of homes for those with dementia or sight loss** – guidelines from The Dementia Centre at Stirling University
- **Getting repairs and maintenance done**

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Useful Organisations

Disability North

Email: reception@disabilitynorth.org.uk

Website: www.disabilitynorth.org.uk

Telephone: 0191 2840480

Address: The Dene Centre, NE3 1PH

Care and Repair Newcastle at Newcastle City Council

Email: careandrepairnewcastle@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: www.careandrepairnewcastle.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 211 5836

Address: Care and Repair Newcastle, NE1 8QN

Adult Social CarePoint at Newcastle City Council

Email: ASCP@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/AdultSocialCare

Telephone: 0191 278 7878

Address: Adult Social CarePoint Newcastle City Council, NE4 9LU

Newcastle Council Housing Services

Email: council.housing@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: https://new.newcastle.gov.uk/housing/council-housing/

Telephone: 0191 278 7878

Address: Newcastle City Council, NE7 7LX

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Website: www.newcastle.gov.uk

Telephone: 0191 278 7878

Address: Civic Centre, NE1 8QH

ABF The Soldiers' Charity

Email: supportercare@soldierscharity.org

Website: http://www.soldierscharity.org/

Telephone: 020 7901 8900

Address: Mountbarrow House , SW1W 9RB

Money Helper

Email: pensions.enquiries@moneyhelper.org.uk

Website: https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en

Address: Holborn Centre, EC1N 2TD

Chronicle Sunshine Fund

Telephone: 0191 201 6289

Address: NCJ Media, NE1 7JB

Related Articles

Home adaptations, equipment and aids

Telecare, telehealth and personal alarm systems

Needs Assessment with Adult Social Care

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