



Rochford District Council

Rochford Home Maintenance and Adaptation Grant

What is it?

This is a grant that the Council is making available to help owner - occupiers on low incomes:

- keep their homes safe, sound and in good repair
- carry out improvement to provide missing amenities
- make their homes secure
- make their home more energy efficient (where they do not qualify for help under the Government's 'Warmfront' scheme)
- to meet the Government's Decent Homes Standard
- to carry out adaptations if they, or someone they care for, is disabled

It can also be used to:

- 'Top up' a Government Warmfront grant, where the cost of the works exceed the Maximum limit (currently £2,700.00)
- 'Top up' a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) where the cost of works exceed the mandatory limit (currently £30,000.00)
- To help people move to another property if they, or someone they care for, needs adaptations to be carried out but their present home is not suitable for this.

How much can you get?

Up to £10,000 during any period of 2 years

Who can get a grant?

Except where it is used to top up a DFG, the grant is available for anybody who receives one of the following benefits:

- ◆ Income Support
- ◆ Council Tax Benefit
- ◆ Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- ◆ Housing Benefit
- ◆ Pension Credit
- ◆ Disability Living Allowance
- ◆ Attendance Allowance
- ◆ Disabled Persons Tax Credit
- ◆ Industrial Injuries Benefit
- ◆ War Disablement Pension
- ◆ Child Tax Credit
- ◆ Working Tax credit
- ◆ Working Families Tax Credit

Are there any conditions attached to the grant?

Unless the grant relates to a person's disability or a Warmfront top up grant there are 2 main conditions:

1. You must have lived in the property for a period of at least 2 years prior to making an application, and
2. If you sell the property within 5 years of getting a grant you will normally be required to repay it. However there are some circumstances where you may not have to do this.

How do you apply?

Applications normally have to be made through:

**Springboard Home Improvement Agency.
St Lukes Place
Dalys Road
Rochford Essex SS4 1RA Telephone 01702 545140**

Where can you get more information?

Contact Springboard Home Improvement Agency (details above)

or

Rochford District Council - Telephone 01702 318045/318160