

a guide to disabled adaptation grants

Ipswich Borough Council's Private Sector Housing Service provides a range of grants and assistance for homeowners and private tenants of properties within the Ipswich Borough Boundary. The grants are available to help you live more comfortably in your own home, by providing the necessary alterations to meet your needs.

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Who can apply?

You must be a homeowner or a private tenant who has a disability or a disabled person living with you.

Do I need permission from my landlord?

Yes, your landlord must give written permission.

What do I need to do first?

Before you apply for a grant you will need to contact Orbit East Care & Repair on 0800 1217711 or email: suffolkhia@orbit.org.uk. The Occupational Therapist will assess your needs and make a recommendation if they feel that adaptations to your home would enable you to be independent. If your home can be adapted to meet your needs and you are eligible, then Orbit will continue the disabled facilities grant process.

Do I have to pay for the works?

If you apply for a grant, a means test will be carried out. This will determine if you have to contribute towards the works. Young people under 18 will not need to be means tested. However there is exception for young adults under the age of 19 in certain circumstances.

Will I need to complete an application form?

Yes, you will be asked to complete an application form and provide the information required. In some circumstances you may be able to get assistance from an agency to help with this.

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Will anyone look at my home?

Yes, an inspection of your home will be carried out to determine if the property is adaptable. In some instances homes are not suitable for adaptations due to their layout and structure.

What work will the grant include?

The adaptations to your home will be based on your individual circumstances and on the recommendations made by the occupational therapist; works may include widening doors, ramps or alterations to bathroom facilities.

Who will carry out the building Works?

When you apply for the grant you will be asked to supply two quotes from contractors. Orbit East Care & Repair will supply a schedule outlining the works that need to be carried out depending on whether the works required are minor or major adaptations and what will be grant funded.

Can I get a grant for works I have already had carried out?

No, you cannot apply for a grant in retrospect. You must not start any works before your application has been approved.

What conditions will be attached?

You will be asked to sign a certificate stating that throughout the grant condition period you intend to occupy the premises as your only or main residence. In some instances a breach of these conditions may require the grant to be paid back.



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adaptations*

bathroom adaptations

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