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What is a Minor Works Grant?

If you require repairs or improvements to your home you may qualify for a Minor Works Grant towards the cost of the works.

Getting a Minor Works Grant

Applications for Minor Works Grants are dealt with by the Private Sector Housing Team in Housing Services.

Who can apply for a grant?

An applicant must either be the owner of the dwelling or a tenant with repairing responsibilities, 18 or over and in receipt of one of the following means-tested benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Council Tax Benefit (not single person allowance)
- Housing Benefit
- Working Tax Credit (with an income of less than £15,460)
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit not Savings Credit)

What are Minor Works Grants available for?

Minor Works Grants are discretionary. The types of work covered by the grant are:

- Repair and improvement works
- Adaptation works
- Energy efficiency works
- Crime prevention works
- Payment of the minimum insurance excess where works required can be claimed on an insurance policy
- Payment for specialist surveys such as electrical, dampness or structural failure
- Payment for legal, valuation or other fees incurred when investigating sources of funding, for example equity release or a loan from the commercial sector

Amount of grant payable

Grants will be available up to a limit of £5,000. These grants are limited to £5,000 in any 3 year period.

How do I apply?

An officer from Hart District Council will visit to assess the eligible works.

The council will then provide you with an application form and advise you of the documentation you will need to support your application.

Please note: no work should be started before a grant is approved, or the offer of a grant may be jeopardized.

Grant approval

The council should give you a decision in writing within 3 months of receipt of a completed application and any additional information they may require.

Grant payment

The grant will only be paid when the council is satisfied that the work has been completed to their satisfaction and in accordance with the grant approval.

Are there any repayment conditions?

These grants are repayable, should the property be sold within 5 years of the works being completed.

Assistance with your application

If you are old, vulnerable or disabled and require assistance with your application you should contact the Private Sector Housing Team who will process your grant application and guide you through the process of having works carried out to your home.

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