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This leaflet gives information about the Disabled Facilities Grant and how it can help you remain independent within your home.

What is a Disabled Facilities Grant?

A Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) provides government funding to adapt your home.

If you are having difficulties in the home such as with climbing stairs, getting in and out of the bath or entering your home safely, a DFG can provide money which will help fund appropriate adaptations. The grant is means tested and will require a recommendation from a Surrey County Council Occupational Therapist (OT).

Adaptations which could be carried out within the home include:

- An electric stair lift to help you get up the stairs. In some cases it might be better to install a through floor lift.
- A level access shower to help if you are having difficulties getting in and out of the bath. The bath could be removed and a shower installed in its place. A shower could also be placed in a different room or on the ground floor.
- Specialist equipment or simple devices like grab rails to help prevent trips and falls.

The maximum funding available for works under a DFG is £30,000.

How to apply

Please contact the Occupational Therapist team on 0300 200 1005. They will be able to discuss your requirements over the telephone and if necessary arrange a home visit to assess your specific needs.
The OT can provide equipment such as bathing aids or grab rails which are free, but if they decide major works are needed, they will contact the Council which administers the Disabled Facilities Grant.

The grant is means tested and if the OT recommends works under a DFG, a council officer will contact you and ask you to complete a Preliminary Test of Resources Form. This will help indicate whether you have to make a financial contribution towards the cost of the work. The means test does not apply to adaptations for children.

The Council’s Care and Repair agency will be able to help you complete any application forms and guide you through the whole process, including providing schedules of work, obtaining builder’s estimates and supervising works as required.

If you do not qualify for a grant, work can still go ahead privately and we can manage the works on your behalf. A fee will be charged for this service.

Following completion of the application forms and paperwork, the grant will be formally approved and a builder appointed. The works can start and be completed to the satisfaction of both you and the OT.

Once an OT has made recommendations on your behalf, the Council should be able to deal with your application within two months.

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More information

By post: Care and Repair Team
Community Services
Tandridge District Council
Council Offices
8 Station Road East
Oxted RH8 0BT

By telephone: 01883 722000

By e-mail: customerservices@tandridge.gov.uk

Our website: www.tandridge.gov.uk/careandrepair

If you are deaf or hard of hearing please text 07860 027780 and use the code HH1 at the start of your message.
Tandridge District Council’s website is a comprehensive source of information about council services and the community.

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