

**KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL
MOBILITY AIDS HOUSING GRANT SCHEME**

APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE NOTE: NO ESTIMATES ARE REQUIRED AT APPLICATION STAGE



Please read the attached conditions prior to completing this form, in particular the checklist at the rear.

Incomplete forms will be returned and may lead to delays in your application

All questions must be answered

Please write your answers clearly in block capital letters

Works must not commence prior to receipt by the Local Authority of the grant application and written approval from the Local Authority

The person for whom the grant is sought must occupy the house as his/her normal place of residence

PLEASE NOTE: Local Authority Tenants do not need to submit all requested information. If you are a Local Authority tenant, please refer to Checklist on back page of form.

Applicant: _____
(Home Owner)

Address: _____

Are you a tenant of Kilkenny County/Borough Council: _____

Eircode Ref : _____
(Please note form will be returned if Eircode Ref is omitted)**

Telephone No: _____ **Mobile No:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **P.P.S. No:** _____

Occupation: _____

Name of person for whom grant aid is sought (if different from Applicant):

Relationship to applicant: _____

Name of the owner of the property to which the proposed adaptation works are to be carried out:

You are required to include with this application, proof that you are compliant with the local property tax.

Gross Annual Household Income: € _____
(please refer to explanatory note 3 below)

I declare the above amount to be my only source of income:

Signed: _____

Is the person with the disability residing at the address above: _____

How long has s/he been living at this address: _____

Please tick appropriate box	Yes	No
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure/listed building and/or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and/or its curtilage?		
Does the proposed development consist of works to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?		

Name and address of General Practitioner: _____

(Please note that the attached doctors certificate must be completed by your G.P. and returned with this application form)

Do you live alone? Yes No

If No please provide details of all persons living in property for which grant aid is sought (including person with a disability if not the person making the application)

Name	Relationship to applicant	Date of birth	PPS No.	Gross Income (previous tax year)	Occupation (if applicable)

Number and description of rooms in the dwelling:

	Bedrooms	Living	Dining	Kitchen	Bathroom	Other
Upstairs						
Downstairs						

General description of proposed works: (Works must be Medically Necessary, i.e. no repair works can be covered under this scheme.)

Amount of grant you are applying for: € _____
MAX. GRANT is €6,000.
(Not Required for Local Authority Tenants)

Balance of costs: € _____
(Not Required for Local Authority Tenants)

How do you propose to fund the balance of costs: € _____
E.g. Savings, Loan, Family Assistance etc.
(Not Required for Local Authority Tenants)

Has a Disabled Persons Grant, Housing Adaptation Grant or Mobility Aids Housing Grant been paid previously in respect of the same premises or person? If yes, please give details:

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Completed application forms should be returned to:

**Housing Grants Section,
Kilkenny County Council,
John's Green House,
John's Green,
Kilkenny.**

CERTIFICATE OF DOCTOR
MOBILITY AIDS HOUSING GRANT SCHEME

I hereby certify that the proposed works on the attached application form are necessary for the proper accommodation of:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

WHO SUFFERS FROM: _____

NATURE AND DEGREE OF DISABILITY: _____

PRIORITY CATEGORY AS PER KILKENNY LOCAL AUTHORITIES PRIORITY SCHEME:

(MUST BE COMPLETED)

Please tick appropriate box

- EMERGENCY CASE:** Where alterations/adaptations would facilitate the immediate discharge from hospital or alleviate the immediate need for hospitalisation following an immediate change in the applicants' circumstances arising from an accident, stroke, heart attack, etc.
- PRIORITY 1:** Where applicants are terminally ill, or fully/mainly dependent on family or carer; or where alterations/adaptations would facilitate discharge from hospital or alleviate the need for hospitalisation in the immediate 12 month period.
- PRIORITY 2:** Where applicants are mobile but need assistance in accessing washing, toilet facilities, bedroom etc; or where without the alterations/adaptations the disabled person's ability to function independently would be hindered.
- PRIORITY 3:** Where applicants' are independent but require special facilities to improve the quality of life, e.g. separate bedroom/living space.

NAME OF DOCTOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

DOCTOR'S STAMP

Conditions of Scheme

1. Purpose of Grant

The Mobility Aids Housing Grant is available to cover a basic suite of works to address mobility problems, primarily, but not exclusively, associated with ageing. The works grant aided under the scheme include:

- Grab-rails;
- Access ramps;
- Level access showers;
- Stair-lifts; and
- Other minor works deemed necessary to facilitate the mobility needs of a member of a household.

2. Priority Needs Scheme

All applications received will be administered in accordance with Kilkenny Local Authorities Priority Needs Scheme for Housing Grants. Each application received under the Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability will be categorised as follows:-

- **EMERGENCY CASE:** Where alterations/adaptations would facilitate the immediate discharge from hospital or alleviate the immediate need for hospitalisation following an immediate change in the applicants' circumstances arising from an accident, stroke, heart attack, etc.
- **PRIORITY 1:** Where applicants are terminally ill, or fully/mainly dependent on family or carer; or where alterations/adaptations would facilitate discharge from hospital or alleviate the need for hospitalisation in the immediate 12 month period.
- **PRIORITY 2:** Where applicants are mobile but need assistance in accessing washing, toilet facilities, bedroom etc; or where without the alterations/adaptations the disabled person's ability to function independently would be hindered.
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All applications received throughout the year will be processed and prioritised in accordance with the Council's priority needs scheme and the date of application.

2. Level of Grant

The effective maximum grant is €6,000 or 100% the cost of the works, whichever is the lesser. The grant is available to households whose gross annual household income does not exceed €30,000.

3. Household Income

Household income is calculated on the annual gross income in the previous tax year of the registered property owner together with all household member 18 years or over (or 23 years or over if in full-time education).

In the case of private rented accommodation, household income is calculated on the annual gross income in the previous tax year registered property owner and all tenants over 18 years or over (or 23 years or over if in full-time education).

In determining gross household income local authorities shall apply the following disregards:

- €5,000 for each member of the household aged up to age 18 years;
- €5,000 for each member of the household aged between 18 and 23 years and in full time education or engaged in a FAS apprenticeship;
- €5,000 where the person for whom the application for grant aid is sought, is being cared for by a relative on a full-time basis;
- Child Benefit;
- Early Childcare Supplement;
- Family Income Supplement;
- Domiciliary Care Allowance;
- Respite Care Grant;
- Carer's Benefit / Allowance (where the Carer's payment is made in respect of the person for whom the application for grant aid is sought).

4. Evidence of household income

The following evidence of income must be included with all applications:

- In the case of PAYE workers, P21 Balancing Statement and P60 for the previous tax year;
- In the case of Social Welfare recipients, a statement from Social Welfare stating weekly/annual payments and P21 Balancing Statement.
- In the case of State Pensioners a payment slip or statement from Social Welfare/bank stating weekly/annual payments and P21 Balancing Statement.
- In the case of self-employed or farmers, Income Tax Assessment form, together with a copy of accounts for the previous tax year;

5. Tax Requirements

In the case of contractors, the contractor's name, address, tax reference number and tax district, and the number and expiry date of a certificate of authorisation issued to the contractor by the Revenue Commissioners must be submitted.

6. Local Property Tax

All applicants are required to include with their grant application, proof that they are compliant with the Local Property Tax i.e. A Statement from Revenue showing all Local Property Tax is paid up to date or that the property qualifies for an exemption. (This is available from Revenue Online).

7. Appeals Procedure

In processing applications under the Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme the authority recognises that some applicants may be dissatisfied with the authority's decision. The authority will give every applicant an appeal mechanism, which will allow him or her to have the decision in his or her case reconsidered by another official.

The following procedure shall apply to each appeal:

Applicants are invited to submit a written appeal on any decision notified to them by the local authority on their application within 3 weeks of the date of the decision stating the reasons for the appeal. The appeal will be considered and adjudicated upon within 4 weeks of receipt. A decision on an appeal will be notified to each applicant within 2 weeks of the decision being made.

8. Checklist

Please ensure that the following documentation is included in the application for grant aid:

- Fully completed application form (HGD1);
- Completed G.P. Medical report by G.P. (HGD2);
- Evidence of Household Income from all sources for all household members;
- Evidence of compliance with Local Property Tax i.e. A Statement from Revenue showing all Local Property Tax is paid up to date.

If you require assistance in filling out this form please contact:

**Housing Section,
Kilkenny County Council,
John's Green House,
John's Green,
Kilkenny.**

Tel: 056-7794922/056-7794902