



## HOUSING DEPARTMENT

### SELF HELP SCHEME – 2026

The objective of this scheme is to assist Local Authority tenants to carry out improvement works to their home which are deemed to be tenant responsibility.

#### **Who Qualifies for the Scheme?**

- Kilkenny County Council tenants who have their rent paid up to date and where the proposed works are considered desirable by the Council's Engineer.
- Kilkenny County Council tenants who live in a house constructed before December 2020.
- Kilkenny County Council tenants who live in new houses constructed between 2021 and 2025 will not be considered.

#### **Works Covered under the Scheme?**

##### **External works**

- Repairs/Replacement of Windows/Doors
- Repairs/Replacement and cleaning of Gutters/Downpipes
- External painting of house
- Repairs/Replacement of front and back Gates
- Provision of a shed
- Skip Hire
- Garden Maintenance, patio slabs, additional drainage

##### **Internal**

- Repairs/Replacement Doors/Presses
- Repairs/Replacement sink/Kitchen Presses
- Provision of Insulation to Attic Tanks, Pipe lagging and Cylinder Jacket
- Provision of tiling to bath and shower areas
- Provision new floor coverings
- Installation of new taps and shower heads
- Internal painting of house
- Replacement of internal doors

## **General Conditions of the Scheme**

- Applicants must have an up to date rent account.
- Only works carried out after the grant is offered will be eligible for payment.
- Tenants are limited to one grant per year.
- Funding for this grant scheme is limited so it may not be possible to offer grants to all applicants.
- Applications must be received on the official application form within the defined deadline.

## **Who organises the Works to be done?**

- Tenants are responsible for the appointments of contractors and must ensure all appropriate documentation are in order.
- Two quotations must be included with your application from two VAT registered contractors.
- Invoices presented must be for the total works and must be VAT inclusive.
- **When the grant is awarded, only then should you arrange to have the works done.**
- Invoices are sent to Kilkenny County Council. An inspection will take place by a member of Housing Technical Staff. Then payment will be made to you for 50% of the works.
- **It is the responsibility of the tenant to arrange payment to the contractor.**

## **Amount of Grant payable**

- Kilkenny County Council will pay 50% of the cost of the works up to a maximum contribution of €2000.
- The minimum estimated cost of the proposed works must be not less than €250.



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