

Meath County Council



Housing Grant Scheme

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

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INTRODUCTION

Who can apply?

The Scheme of Housing Aid for Older People is available to assist older people 66 years of age (or over) living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out.

No Grant will be awarded if Works have commenced prior to an Application being lodged and approved by Meath County Council.

1. Purpose of Grant

The Scheme of Housing Aid for Older People is available to assist older people 66 years of age (or over) living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out. The types of works grant aided under the scheme include re-roofing, re-wiring, and the provision of central heating (where none exists).

N.B. Central Heating:- There is no grant available under this scheme for upgrading an existing central heating system. These grants are available from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) – Tel: 1850 927000

Furthermore, applicants who are seeking a grant for anything that is available from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) (Roof insulation, Wall insulation, Boiler and heating control upgrades, Solar panels etc.) should contact the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) – Tel: 1850 927000 for more information, as these works will not be grant aided under the Housing Aid For Older People Grant Scheme.

Applicants applying to carry out rewiring must enclose with their application, written confirmation from a qualified electrician stating the condition of the existing wiring.

Applicants applying to carry out roof repairs / replacement will be required to submit with their application, written confirmation from their insurance company that such repairs are not covered by their existing insurance policy.

The personal information (data) collected on this form, including any attachments, (which may include the collection of sensitive personal data) is collected for the purpose of processing this application and any data collected is subject to Meath County Council's privacy statement which can be found at

<http://www.meath.ie/Data Protection/>

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2. Level of Grant

The level of grant aid available shall be determined on the basis of gross household income and shall be between 30% - 95% of the approved cost of the works. The table below sets out the level of grant available based on an assessment of household income.

Gross maximum household income p.a.	% of costs available	Maximum Grant available
Up to €30,000	95%	€8,000
€30,001 - €35,000	85%	€6,800
€35,001 - €40,000	75%	€6,000
€40,001 - €50,000	50%	€4,000
€50,001 - €60,000	30%	€2,400
In excess of €60,000	No grant is payable	No grant is payable

3. Prioritisation

Applications are prioritised on the basis of the medical needs of the applicant.

Medical Priorities

Priority 1

Terminally ill or mainly dependant on family or a carer; or where alterations/adaptations would facilitate the discharge from hospital or alleviate hospitalisation in the future;

Priority 2

Mobile but needs assistance in accessing facilities, or where, without the adaptation the disabled persons' ability to function independently would be hindered;

Priority 3

The applicant is Independent, but requires special facilities to improve the quality of life, e.g. separate bedroom or living space.

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4. Household Income

Household income is calculated as the annual gross income of all household members over 18 (or over 23 if in full time education) in the previous tax year.

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 with a disability 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
- Foster Care Allowance
- Fuel Allowance
- Carer's Benefit / Allowance

5. Evidence of Household income

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

- In the case of PAYE workers, P60 or P21 Balancing Statement for the previous tax year.
- In the case of self-employed or farmers, Income Tax Assessment form, together with a copy of accounts for the previous tax year.
- In the case of social welfare recipients, a statement from Social Welfare stating weekly/annual payments or P21 Balancing Statement.
- In the case of State Pensioners a copy of the payment card and a payment slip from An Post or P21 Balancing Statement for the previous tax year.
- In the case of earnings from savings and investments, a certificate of interest or a dividend certificate.

(Evidence of household income should be submitted in respect of all household members)

6. Tax Requirements

In the case of a grant application totalling €10,000 or more, applicants are required to produce a valid Tax Clearance Certificate. The application form for a Tax Clearance Certificate is available from the Revenue Commissioner's website, www.revenue.ie. Alternatively applicants can request an application form from their local Revenue District.

In the case of payments totalling €10,000 or more a contractor is required to produce either a valid Tax Clearance Certificate or C2 Certificate (which will be returned by the Local Authority). As an alternative to producing a valid Tax Clearance Certificate the contractor may authorise the Local Authority to confirm electronically that he/she holds a valid Tax Clearance Certificate using the on-line verification facility on the Revenue Commissioner's website. The contractor gives permission to the Local Authority to confirm his/her tax clearance status by quoting the customer number and tax clearance certificate number, which appears on the Tax Clearance Certificate.

All applicants are required to include with their grant application, proof that they are compliant with the Local Property Tax.