Points to note

- You must not start the work until you have received formal approval of the grant.
- The district or borough council will set out the details of the alterations the disabled facilities grant can pay for.
- If necessary, architects or surveyors can produce plans and specifications for the work involved.
- You may need building regulations approval and planning permission for some adaptations.
- Councils can sometimes pay grants in stages as the work progresses.
- Normally the work must be completed within 12 months of the date the council gives you formal approval of your grant.

If you want to get more information, contact your local district or borough council office. The phone numbers are on the back page.

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Disabled facilities grants are provided by your district and borough councils for a range of home adaptations that help disabled people to live more independently in their own homes. The grants mainly help to make sure that disabled people can move more freely and safely around their home and use essential facilities.

Grants are provided for a range of home adaptations which can include:
- building ramps and widening doors;
- installing stairlifts;
- adapting kitchens for wheelchair users;
- converting bathrooms into shower rooms; and
- adapting toilet facilities.

Who can apply?
The following people can apply.
- Disabled people who own their own home.
- Disabled tenants, although council tenants may be dealt with separately.
- People who have a disabled adult or child living with them.

How much do I get?
The amount of grant you get will depend on your income, savings and investments. District or borough council officers use this information to determine how much you can afford to pay towards the cost of the adaptations. Grants for adaptations to benefit a disabled child do not depend on your income, savings and investments.

Your local district or borough council will be able to give you more details.

How do I apply?
You should first discuss your situation with:
- your local district or borough council; or
- your local social care office of West Sussex County Council. (Ask to speak to Adults’ CarePoint, who will be able to give you advice.)

An occupational therapist or an occupational therapist assistant from your local social care office will need to assess your needs. They will talk to you and your family or carer (if appropriate) about what adaptations might help you overcome your difficulties. If the occupational therapist agrees that an adaptation is the best solution for you, they will make recommendations to the district or borough council.