

Appendix 1 – Financial Assistance

Assistance Name	Mandatory (M) / Discretionary (D)	Value (max. £)*	Purpose(s)	Criteria	Repayable / other notes
Disabled Facilities Grant – DFG	M	£30,000 Means tested except for child cases <19 years, otherwise means tested benefit passported qualification)	Specified purposes in 1996 Housing Grants Construction & Regeneration Act, section 23 (as amended)	Owner occupier, landlord or tenant, for disabled person. Necessary & appropriate, reasonable & practicable.	Up to £10,000 for works over £5,000 if disposal within 10 years – owner occupiers only. Repeat applications OK.
Discretionary Disabled Facilities Assistance (DDFA)	D	£10,000 grant £10,000 loan / charge (means tested including child cases)	Top-up to DFG, plus and relocation assistance (purchase and move costs)	DFG costs in excess of £30,000 plus agreed move value on case by case basis	Grant not repayable, loan repayable (0%, charge against property – not time expiring)
Hospital Discharge Grant (HDG)	D	£10,000 (not means tested)	Facilitate rapid hospital discharge, prevent or reduce risk of (re)admission	Agreed as urgent, cost saving, best option given alternatives	Not repayable
Home Safety Grant / Handy-Person (HDG)	M/D	£500 over 3 years Not means tested	Minor aids, equipment, repairs and adaptations	Over 55 or disabled person in household	Not repayable
Warm and Safer Home Grant (WaSH)	D	£10,000 Means tested unless qualifying benefit & vulnerable	Removal of HHSRS category 1 and key category 2 hazards	Owner-occupiers, 3 years minimum ownership	Not repayable, no re-award for 3 years
Energy Efficiency Support	-	n/a – tba (ECO etc.)	Reduction in fuel poverty, improve domestic energy efficiency	n/a	n/a
Other – revisions, revocations, additions and local schemes as indicated	D	n/a	Tba – including local		

- NOTE: all above for owner-occupiers and private tenants only except where detailed, notwithstanding £500 Home Safety Grant for equipment and minor aids also available to Council tenants.