

LIFETIME GRANTS

Lifetime Grant is discretionary grants for essential repairs, improvements and minor adaptations to a dwelling or mobile home. It is given in the form of an interest free loan, that is repaid when the ownership of the property changes.

How much is the grant?

The grant is limited up to a maximum of £10,000 per dwelling over a three year period.

Who qualifies?

You must be a homeowner aged 18 or over, and have lived in the property for at least three years. You must have an entitlement to an income related benefit with less than £6,000 in savings.

Qualifying benefits include:

- ◆ Income support
- ◆ Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- ◆ Working Tax Credit
- ◆ Housing Benefit
- ◆ Council Tax Benefit
- ◆ Pension Credit

Application forms are available from the Council, and these will require proof of ownership and benefits received.

What works can be considered?

- ◆ Repair of structural defects
- ◆ Repair or replacement of failed / missing damp proof courses
- ◆ Repair or replacement of leaking roof coverings
- ◆ Repair or replacement of windows / external doors where beyond economic repair
- ◆ Repointing / rendering where the perished pointing / brickwork is causing penetrating damp
- ◆ Repair of defective / leaking plumbing
- ◆ Repair or replacement of defective boilers / heating systems / heating appliances (including heating of domestic water)
- ◆ Part / full rewiring where the electrical installation is potentially dangerous
- ◆ Repair or replacement of unsafe boundary walls
- ◆ Repair / relaying of essential paths which are hazardous to users
- ◆ Replacement of lead water service pipes

Where do I go for advice?

The North Worcestershire Care & Repair Agency, run by the Council, will handle the case from start to finish, providing advice and practical information on all aspects of repairs, and help you complete application forms etc.

Phone the **North Worcestershire Care &**

Repair Agency on 01527 534106. They will arrange for a caseworker to visit who will advise on funding, Benefit entitlement, safety and security. A Technical Officer will advise on works requested, arrange for quotes from reputable builders, monitor any works and make a final inspection before grant is paid.

When can the work start?

**YOU MUST NOT COMMENCE WORK
UNTIL YOU RECEIVE WRITTEN
APPROVAL FROM THE COUNCIL**

The Council will notify you of the outcome of your application within 6 months of a completed application being made.

Standard of work

The North Worcestershire Care & Repair Agency will obtain competitive quotes from reputable vetted builders, and monitor all works carried out.

Conditions

Upon completion of work and payment of invoice, a Land Registry Charge will be placed against the property. When the ownership of the property is transferred, the grant is repayable to the Council and you will not be charged interest.

Other relevant grants

In some cases Major Works Assistance or a Disabled Facilities Grant may be more appropriate. The Agency will deal with Disabled Facilities Grants and Environmental Health with Major Works Grants. In other cases you may be referred to Social Services Authority for assistance.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO USE THE NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE CARE & REPAIR AGENCY TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNCIL

www.nwcareandrepair.org.uk



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