

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

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title: GRANTS ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSING SECTION
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide Committee with a summary of all the different grant types that are administered by the Housing Service.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
 - Community Objectives – To address the housing needs of the borough.
 - Corporate Priorities – To match the supply of homes in our area with the identified housing needs.
 - Other Considerations – none

2 AVAILABLE GRANTS

- 2.1 Details of the grants delivered by Housing Section at RVBC including eligibility and values are attached at Appendix 1.

4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Note the contents of Appendix 1.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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RVBC Grant Offer	Mandatory or Discretionary	Max Value	Eligibility Criteria	Grant Conditions	Strategic aim
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	Mandatory	£30,000	Occupational Therapist (OT) recommendation only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main residence • Must remain main residence for 5 years. • Means tested (no means test for paediatric recommendations) • Grants over £10k is registered as a land charge. 	To enable vulnerable households to remain at home and live independently.
Top up disabled facilities grant	Discretionary	£25,000	OT recommendation only. Where mandatory DFG awarded, and costs exceed mandatory grant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main residence • No means test as means tested for DFG. • OT recommended works exceed DFG mandatory grant. • Registered as land charge. 	To enable vulnerable households to remain at home and live independently.
Ribble Valley Adaptation Grant	Discretionary	£10,000	OT recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main residence • Must remain so for 5 years. • No means test. 	To enable vulnerable households to remain at home and live independently.
First Time Buyers Grant	Discretionary	£15,000 50% contribution of costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First time buyer • Renovation works that improve the energy efficiency of the dwelling. • Property A-D Council Tax banding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered as a land charge. • Grant monies match funded with investment from owner; • Works include improvement in energy efficient 	<p>To improve energy efficiency of housing stock</p> <p>To assist first time buyer access home ownership</p>
Dementia grant	Discretionary	£2000	Neurological diagnosis	Dementia assessment to identify any required IT or support equipment	To enable vulnerable households to remain at home
Landlord Tenant Grant	Discretionary	£20,000	Private landlord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 yr condition period. • Accept nominations from RVBC • Rent restricted to LHA affordable rent 	To increase the supply of good quality

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		50% contribution of costs	Property requires improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply Tenancy Protection scheme. • Eligible works agreed at point of grant approval . 	affordable rented property
Affordable Warmth	Discretionary	£4000	Boiler not working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main residence • Means tested benefit. • Vulnerable household 	To improve energy efficiency of property
Home Safety Grant	Discretionary	£4000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to ensure the property is free from risks or hazards • energy efficiency measures or hard to heat properties are improved. • Aids available. • Boiler servicing • Boiler replacement • Insulation 	All households where adaptations are recommended by OT	<p>To ensure the property is free from hazards</p> <p>To enable vulnerable households to remain in their own property and live independently.</p>