

Relocation Grants are designed to help disabled people move to a more suitable property where major adaptations to the existing home are not considered the best option. A grant will be considered where the Council considers that a move to a more suitable property is:

- practical, in that suitable properties exist at a price the client can afford
- more cost-effective than funding adaptations
- appropriate to the circumstances of the applicant
- the applicant would qualify for a Disabled Facilities Grant.

The Council will consider offering a grant up to £10,000 to cover the relocation costs (*i.e. professional fees, removal expenses, carpets, curtains, re-connection of services etc*).

The grant will not contribute towards the purchase price of the new property.

To process the grant it will be necessary for the Occupational Therapist to confirm that the new property will meet the needs of the person being assessed.
(*The property does not have to be in the same borough*).

The grant applicant will need to provide two estimates for any costs which they wish to be considered by the Council, e.g. solicitor's fees, estate agency costs, removal expenses etc.

Confirmation of the sale of the existing property and the purchase of the new property will be required before the grant can be processed.

Payment of the grant will be made to the grant applicant after the move and on receipt of the invoices.

The Council will base the approval on the lowest estimate provided.

London Borough of Islington
RELOCATION GRANT 2008/09

What conditions apply to the grant?

- A ten year condition will be placed on the new property by means of a Land Charge (?) for the grant amount (*if it exceeds £5,000*).
- The new property must meet the decent homes standard and energy efficiency standard.
- All grant applications are subject to a 'test of resources' (TOR). If there is a contribution from an owner, the grant will be less than the maximum of £10,000.
- An Occupational Therapist will make an assessment of the client's needs at the time of application. If the client's needs change after the move, they can apply for adaptations in their new home.

** All grants are subject to the availability of funding.

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