

Disabled Persons Relocation Grant 2011/12
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Relocation Grants are designed to help disabled people move to a more suitable property where major disabled 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:

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

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 Islington.

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. An approval or refusal will be sent to you within four weeks of application.

What conditions apply to the grant?

- A ten year condition will be placed on the new property for the grant amount (*if it exceeds £5,000*).
- The new property must meet the decent homes standard, energy efficiency standard and meet the needs of the person being assessed.

- All grant applications are subject the applicant being on qualifying benefits or a 'test of resources' (TOR) will be carried out. If there is a contribution from an owner, the grant will be less than the full amount claimed.
- An Occupational Therapist will make an assessment that the property meets 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.
- If you are not eligible for a grant under this grants policy and you feel you should be, you can apply for consideration of exceptional need for a grant.

Useful Contacts:

<p>Grant Support Services Islington Council 222 Upper Street London N1 1XR Email: grants.residential@islington.gov.uk Tel: 020 7527 3104</p> <p>Planning Enquiries Islington Council 222 Upper Street London N1 1XR Tel: 020 7527 2774 Email: planningenquiries@islington.gov.uk</p>	<p>The Energy Advice Team Islington Council 222 Upper Street London N1 1XR Email: energy.advice@islington.gov.uk Tel: 0800 512 012</p> <p>Building Control Services Islington Council 222 Upper Street London N1 1XR Tel: 020 7527 5999 Email: building.control@islington.gov.uk</p>
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UNTIL YOU ARE GIVEN WRITTEN GRANT APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL.

All grants are subject to the availability of funding.