

# **Adaptations - Funding options for adaptations costing £1,000 or more (RENTAL PROPERTIES)**



Once an occupational therapist from Social Services has assessed your needs and made a referral for an adaptation to your home, you can choose any one of the options from the following list to enable the adaptation to be installed. You will not be able to apply for funding from more than one source.

## **Disabled Facilities Grant**

You can ask the occupational therapist to refer your request to your Local Council for consideration for a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG). This is a means tested benefit and is based on your financial circumstances. It may entitle you to up to 100% of the cost of the adaptation. Some councils have long waiting lists for this type of benefit due to the pressure on funding and you may have to wait for up to two years in some areas for the council to help you. You may wish to establish what your Local Authority's current arrangements are before deciding on this option. Your estate manager can assist you in this if you wish.

## **Hanover Contribution**

All residents with a Social Services Occupational Therapist assessment confirming an adaptation is required costing over £1,000 (but less than £10,000) will be offered a 40% contribution towards the cost of the adaptation by Hanover, irrespective of their income. Where a resident is eligible for a DFG this 40% contribution will be paid to the Local Authority to

offset against the adaptation work. Where the resident does not qualify for a DFG, Hanover will pay the 40% contribution to you (the resident), following confirmation that the work has been completed. The work must be based on the occupational therapist's referral and will not include any work that is not specified in the assessment.

You must get Hanover's permission before any work commences on site. We will need to see at least two quotes for the work from your chosen contractor. Hanover will pay 40% of the lowest quote although you can choose which contractor you use and pay the remaining amount yourself in addition to the 60% of the cost of the adaptation. Once we have approved the contractor, we will write to you to confirm the amount that we are able to contribute.

Once the work has been completed you should arrange for our area surveyors to inspect the works before submitting an invoice for Hanover's share of the cost, as payment cannot be made without the works passing inspection. Payment can be made into your bank or building society account or by cheque made payable to you.