Housing Rights

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Grants for landlords

This information is for private landlords of properties in Northern Ireland.

If you are a tenant, you can find advice here.

If you are a landlord or letting agent in Northern Ireland seeking advice, you can:

- send a message to Landlord Advice, or
- call 028 90 245 640 (Option 1)

Grants for landlords

If you're planning to improve your rental property, you may qualify for a grant.

Depending on the type of grant, your tenant or your property must meet certain criteria.

Energy efficiency grants

If you want to improve the energy efficiency in your property, you may be able to get some help with the costs.

These grants can help with improvements such as:

- replacing heating systems
- cavity wall or loft insulation
- replacing single-glazed windows

To qualify for an energy efficiency grant:

- there must be a tenant living in the property, and
- the tenant’s income must be below a certain amount, and
- you will need to contribute towards the cost of improvements

Affordable Warmth Scheme

This scheme can help with a range of energy efficiency measures:

- your tenant can apply if they have a low income
- landlords must contribute 50% of the cost of improvements

The Housing Executive manages the scheme. Do not start work until you get written confirmation that you will get a grant.

Visit the Housing Executive website for more information.

Other energy efficiency schemes

The Northern Ireland Sustainable Energy Programme releases details of grants every April. Private tenants can apply for grants in this scheme. They will need to meet certain criteria to qualify.

Visit the Energy Saving Trust website for more information.

Before applying for a grant

Your tenant will need to apply for the grant. You will need to confirm that you agree to proceed with the work.

It will take time for a decision to be made, so these grants are not suitable for urgent repairs, such as a broken boiler.

Properties in serious disrepair

You may be eligible for a Repair Grant from the Housing Executive if:

- the council has served you with a statutory repair notice, and
- you must carry out specific works or face prosecution

Private tenants and landlords can apply for a Repair Grant. You can apply for this grant if your property is vacant.

You will need to meet certain criteria to qualify for the grant. Visit the Housing Executive website for more information.

Adapting your property for a tenant with a disability

You may be eligible for a Disabled Facilities Grant from the Housing Executive if:

- you are installing fixtures to improve accessibility
- an occupational therapist has recommended the adaptations
- you guarantee that the tenant with a disability can live in the property for at least five years

Visit the Housing Executive website for more information.

More advice

- Certificates and safety checks
- Carrying out repairs
- Council enforcement