

Appendix 2

Policy Section	Suggested Change	Reason for Change
Title and subheadings	Addition of 'and other grants'	To accurately reflect that the policy also covers additional grants either linked to the mandatory DFG or standalone.
3.2	Addition of the wording 'and subsequently been added to by The Disabled Facilities Grants (Maximum Amounts and Additional Purposes) (England) Order 2008,' Additional information provided on categories of work which may be eligible for a grant	Updated reference To provide clarity
3.3	Expanded information on duty to consult with Authority responsible for social care	Not previously explicit
3.4	Addition of wording 'Any referral made by an independent OT will be considered in the same way and the Council will refer all relevant documentation to the Social Care Authority for comment in compliance with its statutory duty to consult.'	No reference to independent Occupational Therapist referrals.
Various Sections	Changes in numbering through document. Update	To take into account additions, reorganisation of sections and general tidying

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3.6	<p>Removed next sentence from section 3.6 and created new section 4.0 Discretionary Top-up.</p> <p>And renumbering to 4.2. However, the Council may provide an additional maximum amount of £30,000 as a discretionary top-up where circumstances are such that the cost of work exceeds £30,000 (either as a result of unforeseen works or the extent of the original work that is recommended to the Council).</p> <p>Added: This type of assistance will only be offered as a top up for schemes that fall within the mandatory grant headings as previously described.</p>	<p>To highlight different grants more clearly.</p> <p>Increase discretionary top-up from £20,000 to £30,000 to allow greater flexibility in cases and reflect the increase in costs of works.</p> <p>To provide clarity</p>
3.7	<p>Renumbered to 4.1. Addition of sentence at the end. Using these powers, the Authority has agreed to offer discretionary grants for private sector residential adaptations in certain specific circumstances. This section relates solely to discretionary grant assistance provided by the Council toward disabled adaptations where eligibility for a mandatory grant has been identified or approved or alternative schemes (such as Dementia Grants, Hospital Discharge, Warm Homes on Prescription etc. to meet the identified needs of the applicant and which meet the Better Care Funding objectives of reducing the reliance on health and social care by improving the conditions in the home.</p>	<p>To update the range of additional discretionary grants offered (include Warm Homes on Prescription). To clarify that some discretionary grants are only offered in conjunction with mandatory DFGs using the same criteria and some grants are stand alone.</p>

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Discretionary Top up to Mandatory Grant	Addition 4.4. In some cases of hardship and exceptional and compelling circumstances or higher cost adaptations, we may provide a discretionary top-up to the DFG beyond the discretionary £30,000 limit. The requests are assessed on a case by case basis and require approval by cabinet as outside the policy. The occupational therapist can endorse and initiate this additional funding request where they are satisfied that the proposed scheme of works is necessary and appropriate to meet the assessed person's needs. This will be subject to funding being available.	To clarify how requests outside the Policy limits will be dealt with.
5.17 to 5.20	Addition of section on Warms Home on Prescription (WHOP)	When introduced covered by a separate Policy and team so now incorporated into main Policy with other discretionary grants dealt with by Private Sector Housing
5.23	Additional sentence. Where dual residency occurs, the Authority may consider the award of a discretionary grant for the other property, if they fall within the headings applied to mandatory schemes and are determined to be necessary, appropriate, reasonable and practicable and having regard to the resources the Authority has available at the time .	To clarify application of a discretionary grant in the case of dual residency of a child
5.40 to 5.44	Addition of section on Armed Forces Personnel	To update the policy to include Armed Forces Personnel and provide an amended test of resources to disregard armed forces pensions.

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6.3	Remove depending on cost Clarify that only 1 quote is required if a procurement framework is in place and 3 quotes required for larger projects/extensions or complex cases	to in accordance with the Authority's adopted procurement rules for the cost of the work. Addition of a sentence The provision of stair lifts and other equipment that falls within scope of the requirement to obtain 2 quotes.
7.2	Addition of The Council will always pay the contractor direct, other than in exceptional circumstances.	Wording updated to reflect the information in the grant approval document