

**HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANTS
GUIDANCE NOTES – OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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There are three grants available for older people and disabled people to make adaptations to their home. The same application form is used for all three grants. All three grants are **means tested** which means your annual household income must be below certain limits to qualify.

1: Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability (HGD): This grant is for people with a physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual disability. It is for big changes you need to make to your home. For full details see **page 3** of the application form.

Note: Extensions will only be approved when all less costly and “fit for purpose” alternatives have been considered and eliminated).

2: Mobility Aids Grant (MAG): This grant is for older people and/or people with a disability who find it hard to move around their home due to mobility issues. For full details see **page 5** of the application form.

3: Housing Aid for Older People (HOP): This grant is for people aged 66 years or more living in poor housing conditions to do essential repairs or improvements, so that they can continue to live in their own home. For full details see **page 6** of the application form. The works grant aided under the scheme include:

- help repair or replace the roof – ***a letter from your insurance company stating the repairs are not covered under your policy or a letter confirming you have no insurance policy must be submitted with application.***
- upgrade the electrical wiring – ***a report from an electrician describing the necessary repairs must be submitted with application.*** (Electrician must be registered with Safe Electric)
- repair heating where it is broken or provide central heating where there is no central heating, or it is broken beyond economic repair. ***A report from a heating contractor describing the condition of the existing heating system must be submitted with application.***
- repair or replace windows and doors - *replacement only for single glazed timber windows & doors that are deemed end of life and aluminium windows only. Repairs only for Double glazed windows that have not reached end of life. Please complete the attached form and submit with the application form*

INCOME: Income details requirements are set out on **page 16** of the application form. Only the documents listed are accepted as proof of certified income. www.welfare.ie

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX: You are required to provide evidence of compliance with the Local Property Tax. A statement is available from Revenue online www.revenue.ie or you can contact Revenue (01) 7383626.

TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE: You are required to provide tax clearance certificate is required for grant payments above €10,000. www.revenue.ie Revenue (01) 7383626

PAYMENT DETAILS: You will be required to provide bank/credit union details as part of your application. Details must be those of the **grant applicant** and not the contractors.

INSULATION: This is not provided under this grant scheme but applicant in receipt of certain social welfare payments may be eligible for the **SEAI Warmer Homes Scheme**.

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HEALTHY AGE FRIENDLY HOMES: If you require support with this application going forward, please contact the Healthy Age Friendly Homes National Office on **046-9248899**, who will put you in touch with The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme Local Co-Ordinator in your area. The local co-ordinators are supporting the older population over 65yrs in the Offaly County Council area, and will make an appointment to come and visit you in your home and assist you with this application form. This is a free service.

SEAI Grants – The Warmer Homes Scheme involves the installation of standard energy efficiency measures appropriate to the eligible household subject to SEAI survey budget allocation, and available capacity. The service is provided at no cost to the household and the measures that may be available under this scheme are:

- Attic insulation
- Draught proofing
- Lagging jackets
- Low energy light bulbs
- Cavity wall insulation
- Energy advice

This scheme is available to homes that are owner occupied and constructed before 2022.

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SEAI Grants - The Better Energy Homes Scheme: provides grants to homeowners of houses built before 2006 to improve energy efficiency in their homes. The measure available are:

- Roof insulation
- Wall insulation
- Heating controls upgrade
- Installation of high-efficiency boiler
- Solar heating

The Better Energy Warmer Homes Scheme offers free replacement windows for vulnerable individuals and people who receive certain welfare benefits.

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Appendix 1: HOUSING AID FOR OLDER PEOPLE GRANT – WINDOWS & DOORS
FORM

If applying for Windows/Doors, this form must be submitted with your complete application form.

No. of windows requested to be repaired/replaced	What year were the existing windows installed?	Are the existing window frames PVC, Timber or aluminium		Are the existing windows single or double glazed?	
		PVC		Single Glazed	
		Timber		Double Glazed	
		Aluminium			
No. of doors requested to be repaired/replaced	What year were the existing doors installed?	Are the existing window frames PVC, Timber or aluminium		Are the existing windows single or double glazed?	
		PVC		Single Glazed	
		Timber		Double Glazed	
		Aluminium			