

Guildford Home Adaptations and Improvement policies – Disabled Facilities Grant and Financial Assistance for Private Sector Housing

Budget proposal

A summary of the planned breakdown of Better Care Fund is provided below, comparing previous spend to future budget allocation.

Type of spend / grant	Notes	Spend 2017/18	Budget proposal 2019/20	Estimate No. of homes adapted	Repayment condition attached?
<u>Mandatory DFG</u>	The sum reduces as all stairlifts are now included in spend for discretionary policy (B)	£440,000	£328,000	56	Yes
<u>Discretionary Policies</u> additions to previous policy					
A) Removal of means test for stairlifts and ramps	assume 100% additional uptake.	-	£144,000	48	Yes
B) Prevention Grant	Maximum £3k, most lower.	-	£50,000	30	No
C) Discretionary increased upper limit of DFG	Expect 3 cases, £15k each.	-	£45,000	3	Yes
C) Waive client contribution under £1,000		-	£6,000	6	No
D) Hardship cases - Discretion for those recommended for client contribution, yet have low income.	Maximum £12K pp. Expect average £5k pp.	-	£20,000	4	Yes
E) Relocation Grant	Expect max one p.a.	-	£10,000	1	Yes
Total for discretionary policy			£275,000		
<u>Other BCF works</u>					
Community Equipment Service - charge for adaptations	Will receive quarterly invoice.	-	£50,000	n/a	No
Salaries - capitalised		£8,000.00	£4,000		No
Total for other BCF works			£54,000		

Home Improvement					
Home Improvement Policy (Plus additional ave. £35k pa repaid as income, via previous loans). Includes the following:		£50,000	-	17	Yes
Energy efficiency (included within Prevention Grant)	£2000 pp	-	-	12	Yes
Empty Homes Grant		-	-		Yes
Renewable technology loans (£20k budgeted, within HIP)	Solar panels or air source or ground heat pumps	-	-		Yes
Home Trust Loans (£5k budgeted, within HIP)		-	-		Yes
Total Home Improvement budget	-	-	£50,000	-	-

In summary:

Mandatory DFG	£328,000
Discretionary DFG	£275,000
Other BCF works	£54,000
<u>Home Improvement</u>	<u>£ 50,000</u>
Grand total	£707,000

Total Better Care Fund grant available is £658,223, therefore the budget may draw upon reserves if required to meet discretionary funding requests; with provision to revert to mandatory funding if resources are not available.