

APPENDIX A:

Summary of assistance and main changes (on page 2)

	Mandatory	Discretionary							
	DFG	Top-up grant (TUG)	Contribution support (CSG)	Feasibility works (AFG)	Stairlift grant (SLG)	Help to move grant (HTMG)	Healthy homes grant (HHG)	Care transfer support grant (CTSG)	Disabled facilities loan (DFL)
Means test	Yes	As DFG	As DFG for up to £10k	As DFG for ALL applicants other than those on passporting benefit.	No	As DFG	Means tested benefit, 55 + & low income, or Lendology refusal	Means tested benefit, 55 + & low-income, or Lendology refusal	Lendology application and assessment
Available funding	£30,000	£30,000	£10,000	£2,000	£30,000	£5,000 (tenant) £10,000 (o/o) £2,000 respite	£15,000	£5,000	£20,000
Tenure	All	All	All	All	All	All	O/O	All	O/O
Land charge	Yes >£5k. Max £10k 10 years	Yes 100% lifetime	Yes 100% 10 years	No	No	No	Yes 100% Lifetime	No	N/A
Notes		Only available if mandatory DFG approved.	Based on opt-in (due to land charge). Only available if mandatory DFG approved.	Only available where Feasibility works required (as assessed by TDC)	For stairlifts, steplifts, through floor lifts.	Move-on assistance where adaptation not possible. Respite accommodation where adaptation necessitates.	Essential repairs to remove significant hazards.	For cleanups, hoarding, infestations and adaptation repairs.	Offered at 0% - will consider each case on merits, so can go above £20k

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Means test	Local Council Tax reduction included as passporting benefit.			Means test for ALL (including parents of disabled children)			Low income included.	Low income included.	
Available funding	All discretionary assistance is subject to available funding. The level of funding available for each type is not stated in the policy, as flexibility is required. Monitoring of these grants								
Tenure				All tenures				All tenures	Owner occupiers
Land charge		Changed to lifetime charge	Changed to 10 year charge	No land charge		Land charge for owner occupiers removed.	100% lifetime land charge introduced.	Charge removed.	
Notes		Name changed. Funding increased from £20k to £30k to recognise cost increases.	Name changed. Updated to apply a blanket £10k support grant to recognise that the means test calculation is out of date and penalises income.	Introduced as separate funding to bring clarity (previously available within the 'Accessible Homes grant')	Scope broadened to include other equipment where stairlifts are not suitable.	Changed to include funding for respite housing (short-stay), where DFG works are extensive and will block access to care or facilities.	Funding increased from £5k to £15k to recognise cost increases.	Introduced to ensure clarity and remove land charge.	Introduced to give more options for funding adaptations over and above grant limits.
General	Updated language on funding limits and exceptions. Introduced the 'footprint first' principle, whereby we will seek to adapt within the existing footprint before considering any extension. Where adaptation within the existing footprint is not possible, a modular unit will be considered in the first instance, as this can be removed and re-used by the Council in future.								
Exceptional funding	Exceptional funding included as separate funding stream with requirement for approval by Strategic Manager and relevant Committee or Full Council. All exceptional funding will be subject to DFG means test (including for parents of disabled children). Exceptional funding will only be considered where a Lendology loan has been deemed unaffordable (via Lendology assessment).								