

Astral PS Freedom of Information Request

Disabled Facilities Grants

This freedom of information request is asking about your local authority's delivery of Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) in the financial years of 2017/18 and 2018/19.

Please include in your totals any discretionary grants awarded where you have a policy published under the Regulatory Reform Order (Housing Assistance) 2002 (This allows you significant discretion in how you choose to deliver adaptations using your DFG allocation from the government)

Local Authority Details

1. Name of Local Authority	Rother District Council
2. Type of Local Authority	District Council
3. Do you have a current policy published under the Regulatory Reform Order (Housing Assistance) 2002?	Yes
4. Does this policy give you discretion in how you spend your DFG funding?	Yes

Inputs

Budgets	2017/18	2018/19
5. Carry forward from previous year	225k	496k
6. Plus allocation from government	1.2m	1.5m
7. Plus additional local funding (including any shared by other LAs)	0	0
8. Less spend on other social care projects (or given to other LAs)	0	0
9. Less carry over to the following year	0	0
10. The total budget for DFG/adaptations	1.225m	1.746m
Staffing		
11. Estimated number of full time equivalent staff directly involved in delivering works funded by the total budget for DFG/adaptations (as detailed above). For the purposes of this question please DO NOT include occupational therapy staff employed by social care or health.		
11a. Directly employed by the local authority	1.5	1.5
11b. Employed by a contractor (and any subcontractors) to the local authority	0	0

Activities

Number of Grants Approved	2017/18	2018/19
12. Number of grants approved by tenure of applicant		
12a. Owner Occupiers	42	46
12b. Private Tenants	6	8
12c. Social Tenants	63	52
12d. Other	2	3
13. Number of grants approved by age of the disabled person		
13a. 17 and under	11	12
13b. 18 to 64	29	19
13c. 65 and over	73	78
14. By total value of grant approved		
14a. Under £5,000	15	21
14b. £5,000 to £15,000	84	82
14c. £15,000 to £30,000	14	5
14d. Over £30,000	0	1

Outputs

	2017/18	2018/19
15. Highest and lowest value of an individual grant awarded during the year		
15a. Highest value grant approved	30k	55k
15b. Lowest value grant approved	1856.00	745.00
16. Timescales - Average (mean) number of calendar days		
16a. Between full grant application and grant approval (for all grant approvals)	3 days	3 days
16b. Between grant approval and completion (for all grant completions)	111 days	97 days
17. Total number of homes with completed	113	109

adaptations funded with your budget (from Q10)		
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