

Qualifying criteria, conditions and amount of assistance available from a Home Repair Assistance Grant in the Penarth Central Renewal Area

This series of Fact Sheets sets out the qualifying criteria, conditions, and types of assistance that are available for properties in the Penarth Central Renewal Area.

For more information contact the Area Renewal Office at 88 Glebe Street Penarth Tel. 029 2070 5638 or the Grants Office at 2-8 Holton Road Barry Tel. 01446 709814.

For more information on grants available in other parts of the Vale of Glamorgan please contact the Grants Office as set out above.

If you are considering carrying out repairs or renovation to your home you must contact the Grants Office or the Penarth Central Renewal Area office **before** you start work. **If you start work without grant approval then assistance will not be available.**

Most forms of assistance will be available after the completion of Group Repair on a house, but some e.g. Emergency Grant, Home Repair Assistance grant and Home Safety Grant are available before.

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Special points of interest:

- New Home Safety Grant now available.
- Emergency Repair Grants for urgent works.

Home Repair Assistance Grant

This grant is only available to owner-occupiers and tenants with repairing obligations in the Council's Renewal Areas and funded from the funding allocated to the Renewal Areas each year.

The grant is available to provide temporary assistance to make a property safe and weatherproof until the Group Repair work is carried out or where an owner does not take advantage of a full renovation grant following Group Repair.

Grant aid is also available towards the Hospital Admission Prevention Scheme where assistance is required to enable older persons to remain in their homes.

There is a maximum grant of £5,000 available to those over 60 or in receipt of a means-tested benefit.

Other than in exceptional circumstances only one grant will be awarded to a property whilst awaiting group repair. Owners will be required to prove title to the property and there is a 5 year repayment provision if the house is sold. The amount repayable will reduce by 1/60th for each and every month that elapses from the date of completion of the works.

An occupancy condition also applies for this type of grant. An owner occupier must remain in the house as the main residence for a five year period after the date of completion of the works. This grant is NOT available for landlords of private rented accommodation.

All applicants for Renovation Grant will be offered the assistance of the Council Grants Agency Service** that will provide a full service in preparing plans, obtaining tenders, preparing and submitting the formal grant application, supervising works on site and certifying the works on completion. The Council will charge a fee for this service that will be met from the grant.

Please note that the information on the grants in this document is a guide to the qualifying criteria, grant conditions and amounts of grant aid available. For more detailed advice on the grants please contact the Renewal Area Office at 88 Glebe Street, Penarth Tel. 029 2070 5638 or the Grants Office at 2-8 Holton Road, Barry Tel. 01446 709814.