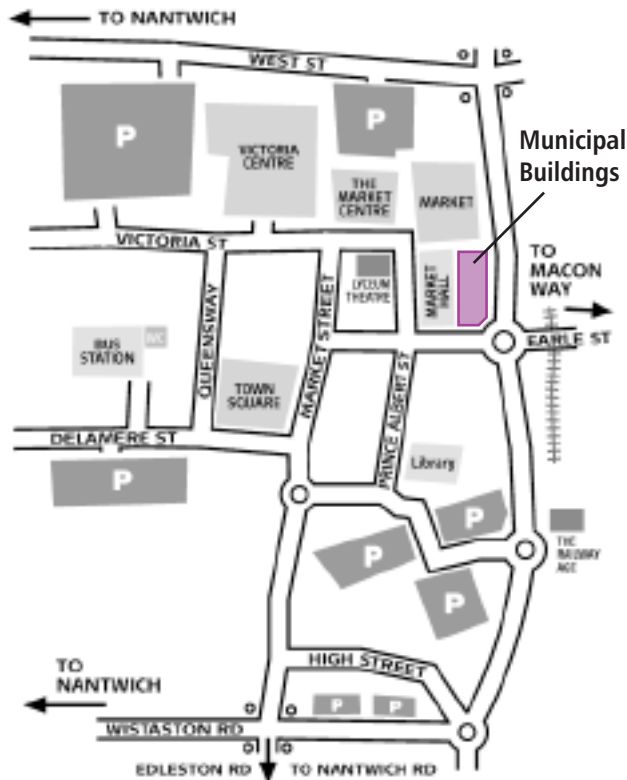


Useful Telephone Numbers

- Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council - Grants Department - 01270 537532
- Anchor Staying Put - 01270 537422
- Wulvern Housing - 01270 503500
- Cheshire County Council - Social Services - 01270 505100
- Access Team for Independent Living – 01606 815600

These initiatives are subject to alteration and policy changes, and therefore please check with the Grants Department before proceeding with an application.



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9.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

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Housing Services

DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT

Live More Independent DFG

Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)

If you or someone living in your property is disabled, you may qualify for a disabled facilities grant towards the cost of adapting your home or providing facilities to enable the disabled person live more independently within the home. The maximum mandatory grant available is £25,000. (NB this is subject to review by Central Government).

The Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant is available to homeowners, private tenants and housing association tenants. However, if you are a Housing Association tenant, contact your landlord first.

A Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant will be made available for the adaptation of a property if found to be reasonable and practical to meet the identified adaptation requirements, as assessed by Social Services, of a disabled occupant.

Eligibility

To be considered for a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) an applicant must be in one of the following groups:

- A Disabled householder or tenant, over 18 years old.
- A Disabled person (not householder), over 18 years old.
- A Householder with a disabled child

Applicants are subject to assessment and prioritisation by Social Services, who will also determine the need and level of urgency for assistance as only applicants classed as priority 1 or 2 will be considered for assistance.

Is there a financial assessment to determine whether I am eligible for this grant?

All applicants, except those receiving Income Support, Pension Credit (Guarantee element) or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance will be subject to a means test based on the current statutory test of resources. Households with disabled children or young people under the age of 19 will not be means tested from January 2006.

The maximum mandatory grant will not exceed £25,000. Only in exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the Executive Director of Environment and Development or their nominated officer, will additional assistance in excess of this amount be provided.

How does the application process work?

Below you will find a brief outline of how you should expect the process to go if you are eligible for a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)

- Contact Social Services for an assessment
- Assessment carried out by Social Services.
- Social Services will forward an adaptation referral form to Crewe & Nantwich BC and Anchor Staying Put.

- A Case Worker from Anchor Staying Put will then visit the applicant to carry out an informal financial assessment.
- You will receive a letter regarding the outcome of the informal financial assessment and an indication of a waiting time for the work.
- The file is then passed on to an Anchor Staying Put who will arrange a joint inspection to determine the extent of the adaptations to enable them to produce a specification.
- The specification is then sent out to a number of building contractors so that an estimate can be obtained.
- Anchor Staying Put will then complete the application form, will apply for the grant and assist in obtaining any financial contribution.
- If the Council approves the grant, Anchor Staying Put will arrange for the successful contractor to come and carry out the work. Anchor's Technical Officer will inspect during and after the work.
- On completion, the Council will inspect and will arrange payment of the work.

Do Anchor Staying Put charge for their services?

Anchor Staying Put charge a fee, which is paid for by the Council as part of the grant.