

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

Please could you supply the following information, if possible, separately, for each financial year from 2010 until the present day (incl 2015-16 if data is available).

1. In each financial year, how many applications for a Disabled Facilities Grant did your council receive?

2011/12 – 154 2012/13 – 104 2013/14 – 166 2014/15 – 163 2015/16 - 131

2. How many applications for a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) did your council approve?

2011/12 – 152 2012/13 – 104 2013/14 – 166 2014/15 – 162 2015/16 - 147

3. How much money was available to your council in total (annually) for DFGs?

**2011/12 – £588,100 2012/13 – £327,071.70 2013/14 – £796,717 2014/15 –
£825,743 2015/16 – £1,029,552**

4. How much of your funding for DFGs was spent? (please answer in £)

**2011/12 – £965,854.09 2012/13 – £545,119.50 2013/14 – £755,839.95 2014/15 –
£1,088,265.18 2015/16 – £1,179,915.97**

5. How much extra funding (if any) did you pay out on top of your DFG budget, to meet grant requests? (please answer in £)

**2011/12 – £377,754.09 2012/13 – £218,047.80 2013/14 – £58,691.65 2014/15 –
£81,619.89 2015/16 – £150,363.97**

Additional – all Council Tenant Adaptations are fully paid for from council funds not DFG funding and the spend is below.

**2011/12 – £369,404.95 2012/13 – £387,454.01 2013/14 – £353,179.14 2014/15 –
£490,413.58 2015/16 – £282,465.24**

6. How many applicants waited longer than the six month limit for a decision on their application for a DFG?

2 clients in 2011/12 only as both were investigated for fraud so it was unknown whether their applications were valid.

7. What was the longest amount of time that an applicant waited for a decision on their application for a DFG?

Apart from the clients above :-

**2011/12 – 16 days from receipt of a valid application 2012/13 – 14 days
2013/14 – 33 days 2014/15 – 17 days 2015/16 – 15 days**

8. How many applicants waited longer than the time limit of a year after grant approval to receive their grant and have adaptations completed?
Unfortunately this is not a simple question to give an answer for as DFGs are not individual pieces of work – we have DFGs that are open for longer than a year but additional works are added in. Most (over 99%) of clients allow us to provide third party payments once items of work are complete, all certificates and invoices received and client signs a satisfaction certificate therefore no clients are actually waiting for money.
9. What was the longest amount of time an applicant waited after grant approval to receive their grant and have adaptations completed?

As above payments may take place sometime after adaptations if invoices or certificates are not correct and individual pieces of work may be completed in turn.

Average time from Approval to Certified Completion (which includes payment)

**2011/12 – 123 days 2012/13 – 114 days 2013/14 – 143 days 2014/15 – 104 days
2015/16 – 61 days (new agency took over from October 2015)**

10. What was the average (median) amount of funding requested and awarded?

**2011/12 – £5951 2012/13 – £6440 2013/14 – £6810 2014/15 – £5165
2015/16 - £6348**

11. If known, how many applicants were in residential care while they waited for a grant?

Unknown officially but anecdotally very rare – only 1 so far this financial year 2015/16.