

## CURRENT ELIGIBILITY – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006

The following House Improvement and Repairs Grants are available from Aberdeenshire Council.

1. Mandatory Improvement Grants for:
  - a) Provision of one or more of the standard amenities in a dwelling for the first time and
  - b) Adaptation of existing standard amenities or providing one or more of the standard amenities for a disabled person where the existing amenities are not accessible to that person.(Maximum approved expense: £7,500)
2. Discretionary Improvement Grants for works related to disabled occupants including provision of standard amenities.  
(Maximum approved expense: £15,000)
3. Discretionary Improvement and Repairs Grants for:  
Improvement and repairs to occupied dwellings which are below or above the Tolerable Standard (available only through the Aberdeenshire Care & Repair Project).  
(Maximum approved expense: £15,000)
4. Discretionary Repairs Grants for:
  - a) Replacement of lead water pipes
  - b) Works to reduce radon gas(Maximum approved expense: £15,000)

Upon completion of the works, the dwelling must meet the Tolerable Standard as detailed on page E.1 including the presence of the standard amenities (*bath or shower with hot and cold water supply, w.c. with cold water supply, wash hand basin with hot and cold water supply, sink with hot and cold water supply*).

GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL BE APPROVED MONTHLY ON A PRIORITISED BASIS.

### NOTE:

- i) **Where works relate to the provision or adaptation of standard amenities in vacant dwellings, the approved expense will be limited to the provision and installation of the amenities and works associated with their installation and use. Works related to the Tolerable Standard and general repairs are not eligible for grant in such instances.**
- ii) **Discretionary Improvement & Repairs Grants (disabled and also non-disabled works) will not be accepted unless the house is occupied by the applicant or tenant of the applicant, for at least 12 months prior to the date the application is submitted. There are exceptions to this condition so if you, or a tenant, have not occupied the house for 12 months you should speak to your local Environmental Health Officer or Occupational Therapist. This occupancy condition does not apply if the works are related to the provision or adaptation of the standard amenities, but the approved expense may be restricted to £7,500.**
- iii) **Eligibility for a Repairs Grant for lead piping is based on either:**
  - a. **water sample taken by Environmental Health or Scottish Water showing lead to be present in the supply, or**
  - b. **the presence of lead piping witnessed by Environmental Health**
- iv) **Repairs Grants for the reduction of radon gas is subject to the level of radon being above the Action Level, following monitoring organised through the National Radiological Protection Board.**

### AMOUNT OF GRANT

Eligible works in relation to certain grants attract a minimum 50% rate of grant. Award of grant above 50% is subject to an assessment of the applicant's financial circumstances or, in the case of applications from landlords, a valuation of the property. There may also be other works associated with the application where the rate of grant awarded is totally dependant upon the means test. The rate of grant awarded can be up to 100%. [Please refer to Section C of these guidance notes which explains the financial assessment process].

If you wish to be considered for more than 50% and/or wish grant to be awarded for works other than those which attract a minimum 50%, Section D of the application form must be completed.