

SUMMARY OF TORFAEN HOUSING ADAPTATION ASSISTANCE SCHEMES INCLUDING GRANTS AND LOANS

ORGANISER	NAME of SCHEME	PURPOSE	ELIGIBILITY	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	CONDITIONS APPLICABLE
<p>Torfaen Care and Repair</p> <p>Tel: 01495 745948</p> <p>Email: info@crtorfaen.co.uk</p>	<p>Care and Safety at Home Scheme</p>	<p>Care & Safety at Home provides support to home owners and tenants of private landlords where existing services cannot meet the required response.</p> <p>Examples of eligible works are:-</p> <p>Small ramps and home access safety. External/internal grab rails/hand rails/ installing stair rails/stair gates. Levelling/upgrading paths/floors. Door entry/intercoms/key safes. Electrical safety e.g. safety cut-out for cookers/ fires/ securing trailing flex. Gas safety e.g. isolation switch/timer switch. Floor and stair safety e.g. securing loose floor coverings/ highlighting tape for stair edges. Upgrading heating to essential rooms/time switches for heating. Fire safety e.g. guards. Hot water safety e.g. installing/adjusting thermostats. Additional lighting e.g. nightlights in bedrooms /halls/ landings/ stairways.</p> <p>This list is not exhaustive and any measure within budget limitations to prevent injury will be considered.</p>	<p>For home owners or tenants of private landlords aged 60 and over, to help create a safe home environment, to eliminate risk factors, and therefore prevent accidental injury. The service is aimed at minimising high risk or crisis situations which could result in admission to hospital with the added benefit of prolonging independence for people.</p>	<p>Up to £350</p>	<p>People can self refer for this assistance, although the type of adaptation requested would be subject to the endorsement recommendation of the Care & Repair 'trusted assessor'.</p> <p>No financial contribution is required.</p>
<p>Torfaen Care and Repair</p> <p>Tel: 01495 745948</p> <p>Email: info@crtorfaen.co.uk</p>	<p>Rapid Response Adaptations Programme (RRAP)</p>	<p>The funding for RRAP is provided by Welsh Government for home owners or tenants of private landlords who are in hospital awaiting discharge, have recently been discharged from hospital or at risk of being admitted to hospital or into a Care Home.</p> <p>Examples of assistance available include:</p> <p>Hand rails/ Grab rails Temporary or permanent ramps Access to toilet facilities Repositioning of Light Switches/sockets</p>	<p>For home owners or tenants of private landlords who are in hospital awaiting discharge, have recently been discharged from hospital or are at risk of being admitted to hospital or into a Care Home</p>	<p>Under £1,000</p>	<p>People must be referred to the programme by a health or social care professional and cannot apply directly themselves.</p> <p>No financial contribution is required.</p>



		<p>Provision of stair rails Steps and half steps Door entry Systems Assistive Technology Repair to stair tread / timber floors Levelling concrete floors Improve Lighting interior/exterior Heating Repairs to main living areas Fitting carpet strips Relaying paving stones Additional Sockets Telephone Extensions</p>			
<p>Torfaen Care and Repair Tel: 01495 745948 Email: info@crtorfaen.co.uk Torfaen County Borough Council Tel: 01495 762200 Email: socialcareCallTorfaen@torfaen.gov.uk</p>	<p>ENABLE FUNDING</p>	<p>Being able to access all the key facilities in our homes is something we often take for granted, but for someone who cannot do this., The affect can be devastating. Housing adaptations are vital in enabling a person to remain living independently and safely in their own home and can transform a person's quality of life. Some people may need something as simple and easy to provide as a handrail. Others could need something much larger and more complex like an extension to their home or a through-floor lift. Sometimes the simplest of adaptations, like handrails, can help enable someone to be discharged from hospital to live back home. The system, which is known as "ENABLE – Support for Independent Living", is designed to simplify and speed up the process for getting an adaptation when you need one. ENABLE aims to be flexible and responsive to an individual's needs. Once a need for an adaptation has been identified, the system has been designed to determine the most efficient way to deliver the adaptations.</p>	<p>For home owners or tenants of private landlords aged 60 and over, to help create a safe home environment, to eliminate risk factors, and therefore prevent accidental injury.</p> <p>For home owners or tenants of private landlords who are in hospital awaiting discharge, have recently been discharged from hospital or are at risk of being admitted to hospital</p>	<p>Upto £5,000</p>	<p>No financial contribution is required.</p>



<p>Torfaen County Borough Council</p> <p>Tel: 01495 762200</p> <p>Email: socialcareCallTorfaen@torfaen.gov.uk</p>	<p>Low Cost Adaptation Grant</p>	<p>The purpose of this grant is to enable adaptations that would normally be dealt with as a Disabled Facilities Grant to be processed more quickly and efficiently. It is applied where an applicant requires low cost and easily delivered adaptations which are above the financial thresholds for support from Care & Repairs.</p> <p>Examples of assistance available include:</p> <p>Stair lifts. Simple bathroom adaptations such as level access showers. External modular or permanent ramps.</p>	<p>A person will need to be an owner occupier or tenant of a private landlord and have been referred to Social Care Services for an occupational therapy assessment. The assessment will establish whether the person has a 'substantial' and 'permanent' disability which makes it difficult to undertake everyday tasks within the home independently.</p> <p>Any recommendation to adapt the home must be considered necessary and appropriate.</p> <p>Additionally a property survey will be carried out to determine whether any recommended adaptations are reasonable and practicable.</p>	<p>£1,000 to £5,000</p>	<p>People's needs must meet the Council's eligibility criteria threshold for grant support.</p> <p>This grant is not subject to a means test.</p> <p>Where equipment such as a stair lift has been installed, the Council may arrange for its removal and reclaim this when it is no longer required.</p> <p>The Council will seek to establish property ownership and tenants of private landlords must obtain formal consent for the property to be adapted.</p>
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<p>Torfaen County Borough Council Tel: 01495 762200</p> <p>Email: socialcareCallTorfaen@torfaen.gov.uk</p>	<p>Disabled Facilities Grant</p>	<p>The Disabled Facilities Grant is mandatory financial assistance available to eligible applicants to provide major home adaptations, enabling them to live independently and enjoy full use of their facilities.</p> <p>Applications for a Disabled Facilities Grant can be accepted from home owners or tenants of privately rented accommodation.</p> <p>Examples of adaptations undertaken include:</p> <p>Providing ramps, widening doors, shallow steps. Improving controls for heating and lighting. Adapting or providing suitable washing, bathing or toilet facilities. Ensuring the disabled person can move around and access parts of the home so they can look after someone else. Facilitating the preparation of food and cooking in the kitchen. Making sure there is access to a shared family room. Ensuring access to, or providing, a room to sleep in. Providing a safer environment for the disabled person and others living in the home. Installing a stair lift or a 'through the floor' lift. Providing access to a garden or outside space. Creating an extension to meet the needs of the disabled person where facilities cannot be provided within the existing layout.</p> <p>The Council offers a fully inclusive Home Improvement Agency Service at competitive rates to oversee the adaptation works including: comprehensive design and planning assistance, liaison with agencies for obtaining any necessary regulatory consents eg. Planning and Building Control, contractor selection and introductions together with continuous site management oversight, and a post works completion 12 month warranty.</p>	<p>A person will need to be an owner occupier or tenant of a private landlord and have been referred to Social Care Services for an occupational therapy assessment. The assessment will establish whether the person has a 'substantial' and 'permanent' disability which makes it difficult to undertake everyday tasks within the home independently.</p> <p>Any recommendation to adapt the home must be considered necessary and appropriate.</p> <p>Additionally a property survey will be carried out to determine whether any recommended adaptations are reasonable and practicable.</p>	<p>£5,000 - £36,000</p>	<p>This is a means-tested grant (a test to determine what you can afford to contribute towards the cost of the adaptation, however this does not apply if applying on behalf of a child)</p> <p>Where equipment such as a stair lift has been installed, the Council may arrange for its removal and reclaim this when it is no longer required.</p> <p>A legal charge will be placed on the property and in the event the property is disposed of within 10 years from the date when works were certified completed (whether by sale, assignment, transfer or other reason) the Council reserves the right to seek repayment of any grant monies above £5,000. Should works exceed the maximum grant payable ie. £36,000, the applicant will be required to pay the additional costs above this amount (see Property Improvement Loan below). This applies to grants for both adults and children. The adaptations must be for the person's main or permanent home. The Council requires an indication that the disabled person intends to live at the property for 5 years after completion of the adaptation The Council will seek to establish property ownership and tenants of private landlords must obtain formal consent for the property to be adapted.</p>
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If you are a tenant of [Bron Afon Community Housing](#) or with another [Registered Social Landlord](#) in Torfaen you will need to contact them for assistance with adapting your home.