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**Council to offer ‘life changing’ grants of up to 30k for disabled needing help in their homes**

Gedling Borough Council has received funding from Government to provide grants for residents which can cover the costs of property adaptations.

The grants will help those with disabilities remain living independently at home and give financial support to make this possible.

Grant money could go towards adaptations such as ceiling hoists, ramps, widening doors, adapting or providing suitable washing/bathing or toilet facilities, installing a stair lift or a ‘through the floor’ lift.

The grants are means tested - applicants need to be referred to Gedling Borough Council from an Occupational Therapist who will assess the individual’s needs, then the council will confirm if they are eligible.

The maximum grant available is £30,000 and residents living in rented properties in the borough, those living in rented accommodation would require the owner’s permission for any works to be carried out. In certain circumstances an additional £20,000 discretionary grant is also available for eligible adaptations subject to available funding.

Councillor David Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection said;

“This grant money can make a huge difference to the lives of residents living with disabilities and allow them to keep leading independent lives for as long as possible. We urge people to get in touch with Nottinghamshire County Council and see if they are eligible as soon as they can.”

**Residents who feel they would qualify for a grant should contact Nottinghamshire County Council’s Occupational Therapists on 0300 500 80 80 for a referral.**

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**NOTE TO EDITORS: Image Attached: A recently installed access ramp in Arnold**

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