



Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 53

PART I

GRANTS, &C. FOR RENEWAL OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING

CHAPTER I

THE MAIN GRANTS

Introductory

1 Grants for improvements and repairs, &c.

- (1) Grants are available from local housing authorities in accordance with this Chapter towards the cost of works required for—
- (a) ^{F1}
 - (b) ^{F1}
 - (c) the provision of facilities for disabled persons
 - ^{F2}(i) in dwellings, qualifying houseboats and [^{F3}caravans], and
 - (ii) in the common parts of buildings containing one or more flats.]
- (2) ^{F4}
- (3) ^{F4}
- (4) ^{F4}
- (5) ^{F4}
- (6) In the following provisions of this Chapter the expression “grant”^{F5} means a grant under subsection (1) above].

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, Cross Heading: Introductory. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1(1)(a)(b) repealed (19.7.2003) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Housing Assistance\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1860\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11(1), 15, [Sch. 3 para. 2\(a\)\(i\)](#), [Sch. 6](#) (with art. 11(2))
- F2** S. 1(1)(c)(i)(ii) substituted (19.7.2003) for words in s. 1(1)(c) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Housing Assistance\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1860\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11(1), [Sch. 3 para. 2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (with art. 11(2))
- F3** Word in s. 1(1)(c)(i) substituted (18.1.2005) by [Housing Act 2004 \(c. 34\)](#), [ss. 224\(2\)](#), 270(3)(a) (with s. 224(9))
- F4** S. 1(2)-(5) repealed (19.7.2003) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Housing Assistance\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1860\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11(1), 15, [Sch. 3 para. 2\(b\)](#), [Sch. 6](#) (with art. 11(2))
- F5** Words in s. 1(6) substituted (19.7.2003) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Housing Assistance\) \(England and Wales\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/1860\)](#), arts. 1(3), 11(1), [Sch. 3 para. 2\(c\)](#) (with art. 11(2))

2 Applications for grants.

- (1) No grant shall be paid unless an application for it is made to the local housing authority in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and is approved by them.
- (2) An application for a grant shall be in writing and shall specify the premises to which it relates and contain—
 - (a) particulars of the works in respect of which the grant is sought (in this Chapter referred to as the “relevant works”);
 - (b) unless the local housing authority otherwise direct in any particular case, at least two estimates from different contractors of the cost of carrying out the relevant works;
 - (c) particulars of any preliminary or ancillary services and charges in respect of the cost of which the grant is also sought; and
 - (d) such other particulars as may be prescribed.
- (3) In this Chapter “preliminary or ancillary services and charges”, in relation to an application for a grant, means services and charges which—
 - (a) relate to the application and the preparation for and the carrying out of works, and
 - (b) are specified for the purposes of this subsection by order of the Secretary of State.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe a form of application for a grant and an application for a grant to which any such regulations apply is not validly made unless it is in the prescribed form.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 2 wholly in force; S. 2 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 150; S. 2 in force for certain purposes at 11.9.1996 by [S.I. 1996/2352](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#); s. 2 in force insofar as not already in force at 17.12.1996 by [S.I. 1996/2842](#), [art. 3](#)

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