



## Housing adaptation

- Information about housing adaptation grants for the functionally impaired.

# Do you have a functional impairment?

- Then you can apply for a housing adaptation grant.

## What does housing adaptation grant mean?

Persons with a functional impairment can receive a housing adaptation grant. The grant must be used for such things which alleviate your daily life in the home. For example: moving around in your home, sleeping, tending to your hygiene, cooking and eating as well as entering and exiting the home

## Who can apply?

Your application will not be approved if your functional impairment is temporary. Grants are available for people with all types of functional impairment which require the adaptation of your home, for example reduced mobility, impaired vision, epilepsy or retarded mental development. The permission of the landlord is required in the case of rented or tenant-owned accommodation.

## What is the grant to be used for?

You can receive the grant to adapt fixed functions in and adjacent to your accommodation. Fixed functions are things which you would not normally take with you when you move out. You can only apply for a housing adaptation grant in your permanent residence. Grant payments are made for reasonable fees for the approved adaptations.

## What is the grant not to be used for?

You will not receive the grant for such things which need to be done for reasons other than your functional impairment, such as normal maintenance of the home or loose inventory.

## Examples of adaptations

Inside your home the grant can be used to, for example

- Remove door sills
- Widen doorways
- Adapt bathrooms, such as replacing a bathtub with a shower
- Make knee free workplaces in the kitchen, such as under the stove or the sink
- Enhance fixed lighting

Adjacent to your home the grant can be used to, for example

- Install ramps
- Install handlebars and handles
- Install automatic door openers

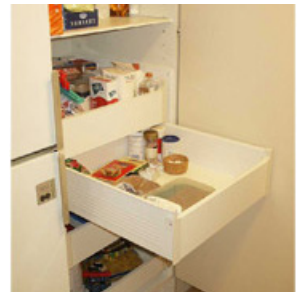
You can of course receive the grant for purposes other than what we have included here. The requirement is that there must always be a direct link between the adaptation and your functional impairment.

### This is how you apply

You apply for the grant with an application form. The application form can be printed from the municipality's website or you can contact us and we will send it directly to you. In addition to the form you must attach a certificate verifying the necessity of the adaptation in regard to your functional impairment. The certificate must be issued by a district occupational therapist at the local medical-care centre, doctor or other qualified party. We welcome suggestions on how you would like to adapt your home, such as sketches or blueprints and if possible a fee estimate.

### Things to consider when you change accommodations

If you move into a new home then you must choose accommodations compatible with your functional impairment. The grant for adapting your new accommodation is limited. If you build a house then the house must be chosen and designed with your functional impairment in mind. Actions taken to fulfill this suitability requirement are not covered by the housing adaptation grant.



*Examples of different adaptations*

## Rulings

Grants are approved by the Planning and Building committee.

## Application

Send your application to Bostadsanpassning, 901 84 Umeå.

## Would you like to know more?

Contact Bostadsanpassning for more information. Municipal handlers can be reached by phone 090-16 23 06 or by e-mail [bab@umea.se](mailto:bab@umea.se).

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