

Via Grant Aid Scheme

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C.A.R.E.	Caring and Repairing in Epping Forest. General support for older and disabled people.	Any.	Open to anyone who is over 60 and/or disabled.	250 a year.	£38,000 (net cost).	Introduction of new Housing Assistance Policy will include younger ‘vulnerable’ clients.
Handyperson Service.	Small repairs and falls prevention work.	Mainly over 60 but can include younger people with disabilities.	Work costing under £150 free of charge to people on means tested benefits. People over 60 not on means tested benefits have to pay for the Service.	350 a year.	£10,000 (budget for work).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary Contributions Scheme being considered.</li> <li>• The question is often raised as to why the scheme cannot be extended to Council Tenants.</li> </ul>
Disabled Facilities Grants.	Grants to home owners and private tenants to provide essential facilities or access to essential facilities.	Any.	Applicant must be registered or eligible to be registered as disabled. Maximum grant £25,000. Means tested. Referral required from O.T.	About 60 a year.	£500,000.	Increasing demand impacting on resources.
Renovation Grants.	Grants to home owners and private tenants for properties that are “unfit for human habitation”.	Priority given to people who are over 60.	Property has to be “unfit”. Maximum grant £20,000. Means tested.	5-10 normally.	£100,000.	Planned to be replaced in Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy 2006.
Disabled parking bays.	Bays for reserved parking.	Now effectively with ECC – although we can “sponsor”.				Traffic Regulation Order takes several months to process. High workload for little return.

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Provision of footway crossovers.	Where disabled meet criteria a crossover may be provided.	As for disabled bays.			Demand usually exceeded.	
Home Repairs Assistance.	Small grants to home owners and private tenants for essential repairs.	Priority given to people who are over 60.	Maximum grant £2,000 or £5,000 in special circumstances. Applicant must be on a means tested benefit.	About 70 a year.	£100,000 a year.	See Renovation Grants above.
Pest Control.	Elimination of specified pests.	Any age. Concessions for older people.	Control of rats and cockroaches free. Other specified pests £13.50 for over 60s.		Total PC budget £28,000. £56,000 tender sum.	Increase in costs for next year – may need to consider other provision of service.
Home and Work Safety.	Electric blanket testing, kitchen safety etc.	Any, but targeted at older people.	None.	?	£500.	None.