

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

SELF HELP SCHEME – 2024

The objective of this scheme is to assist Local Authority tenants to carry out improvement works to their home which are deemed to be tenant responsibility.

**Who Qualifies for the Scheme?**

* Kilkenny County Council tenants who have their rent paid up to date and where the proposed works are considered desirable by the Council’s Engineer.
* Kilkenny County Council tenants who live in a house constructed before December 2018.
* New houses constructed between 2019 and 2023 will not be considered.

**Works Covered under the Scheme?**

**External works**

* Repairs/Replacement of Windows/Doors
* Repairs/Replacement and cleaning of Gutters/Downpipes
* External painting of house
* Repairs/Replacement of front and back Gates
* Provision of a shed
* Skip Hire
* Garden Maintenance, patio slabs, additional drainage

**Internal**

* Repairs/Replacement Doors/Presses
* Repairs/Replacement sink/Kitchen Presses
* Provision of Insulation to Attic Tanks, Pipe lagging and Cylinder Jacket
* Provision of tiling to bath and shower areas
* Provision new floor coverings
* Installation of new taps and shower heads
* Internal painting of house
* Replacement of internal doors

**General Conditions of the Scheme**

* Applicants must have an up to date rent account.
* Only works carried out after the grant is offered will be eligible for payment.
* Tenants are limited to one grant per year.
* Funding for this grant scheme is limited so it may not be possible to offer grants to all applicants.
* Applications must be received on the official application form within the defined deadline.

**Who organises the Works to be done?**

* Tenants are responsible for the appointments of contractors and must ensure all appropriate documentation are in order.
* Two quotations must be included with your application from two VAT registered contractors.
* Invoices presented must be for the total works and must be VAT inclusive.
* **When the grant is awarded, only then should you arrange to have the works done.**
* Invoices are sent to Kilkenny County Council. An inspection will take place by a member of Housing Technical Staff. Then payment will be made to you for 50% of the works.
* **It is the responsibility of the tenant to arrange payment to the contractor.**

**Amount of Grant payable**

* Kilkenny County Council will pay 50% of the cost of the works up to a maximum contribution of €2000.
* The minimum estimated cost of the proposed works must be not less than €250.

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