

Ancillary Grant under Section 22 (1) of the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022

In addition to the Grant Allocation for Remedial Works, approved applicants can also avail of Ancillary Grants under the terms of the Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme.

Ancillary Grants are available to assist with the following costs:

- Alternative Accommodation (Principal Private Residence only) – up to €15,000 vouched costs.
- Storage Costs – up to €5,000 vouched costs.
- Immediate Repairs – up to €5,000 vouched costs.

Applicants that have received a Notification indicating that their application has met the Damage Threshold criteria will be able to apply for Immediate Repairs only.

Applicants who have been notified of their Remediation Option Grant can then apply for Alternative Accommodation (if applicable) and Storage, under the Ancillary Grant.

The total amount of a Remediation Option Grant together with the Ancillary Grant shall not exceed the amount of €420,000.

The Ancillary Grant may refer to costs incurred or committed to by a relevant owner before or after the making of an application for a remediation grant, for the purposes of carrying out remediation work on a relevant dwelling that is damaged due to the use of Defective Concrete Blocks.

Submitting a Valid Payment Claim for Ancillary Grant

Payment Claims in respect of Ancillary Grants can be submitted via the Online Portal and by selecting the “Ancillary Grant Claims” tile, which can be found by choosing the “Apply for Payment” option.

All Payment Claims are in respect of expenditure incurred or committed to by the Homeowner.

Please ensure that you submit all required documents as outlined below. Failure to submit all the required documentation will result in delays to the processing of your Claim.

Ancillary Grant for Alternative Accommodation

If you wish to submit a Claim in respect of a **One-Off Cost e.g. the purchase of a Static Mobile Home**, Donegal County Council will require the following supporting documents:

- A Valid Invoice inclusive of VAT and delivery which details the make / model etc of the Static Mobile Home. The valid invoice / receipt from the Supplier should include the name & address of the Supplier, VAT Number if applicable, name & address of the customer, details of the item.
- Proof of Payment i.e. a Valid Bank Statement. The Bank Statement should include the Name & Address of the Bank, the name & address of the applicant, relevant transactions and associated dates and the account number.
Please note, in the case of a Bank Transfer, the Bank Account should be in the name and address of the applicant or joint applicant.
- Civil Works associated with placement of the Static Mobile Home.
- Photographic Evidence on the Static Mobile Home on-site / in-situ.
- If you have indicated that the Alternative Accommodation is necessary during the carrying out of a Remediation Option under the Act, then you should ensure that you have submitted a Notice of Commencement of Works via the Online Portal.
- Planned delivery date and address / location of the alternative accommodation.

If you wish to submit a Claim in respect of **Monthly or Quarterly Costs e.g. Rental of Alternative Accommodation**, Donegal County Council will require the following supporting documents:

- A Completed Tenancy Agreement, signed and dated by both the applicant and the landlord. The Tenancy Agreement should also include the address of the rented accommodation, commencement date and the term of the Tenancy Agreement.
- Invoices/Receipts for Rent to include the name and address of both parties, including receipt number and value.

- Proof of Payment i.e. a Valid Bank Statement. The Bank Statement should include the Name & Address of the Bank, the name & address of the applicant, relevant transactions and associated dates and the account number.
Please note, in the case of a Bank Transfer, the Bank Account should be in the name and address of the applicant or joint applicant.

Ancillary Grant for Storage Cost

If you wish to submit a Claim in respect of a **One-Off Cost e.g. the purchase of a Storage Container**, Donegal County Council will require the following supporting documents:

- A Valid Invoice / Receipt inclusive of VAT and delivery which details the make / model etc of the Storage Container. The Invoice / Receipt should include the name & address of the Supplier, VAT Number if applicable, name & address of the customer, details of the item.
- Civil Works associated with placement of the storage container.
- Proof of Payment i.e. a Valid Bank Statement. The Bank Statement should include the Name & Address of the Bank, the name & address of the applicant, relevant transactions and associated dates and the account number.
Please note, in the case of a Bank Transfer, the Bank Account should be in the name and address of the applicant or joint applicant.
- Photographic Evidence of the Storage Container on-site / in-situ.
- Planned delivery date and address / location of the storage container.

If you wish to submit a Claim in respect of **Monthly or Quarterly Costs e.g. Rental of a Storage Facility**, Donegal County Council will require the following supporting documents:

- A Completed Lease Agreement signed and dated by both parties. The Lease Agreement should also include the address of the Storage Facility.
- A Valid Invoice / Receipt inclusive of VAT.
The Invoice / Receipt should include the name & address of the Supplier, VAT Number if applicable, name & address of the customer, details of the item.
- Proof of Payment i.e. a Valid Bank Statement. The Bank Statement should include the Name & Address of the Bank, the name & address of the applicant, relevant transactions and associated dates and the account number.
Please note, in the case of a Bank Transfer, the Bank Account should be in the name and address of the applicant or joint applicant.

Supporting documentation for Committed Expenditure

Where a homeowner has entered commitments with a Supplier and/or Landlord, the following supporting documentation is required to be submitted by the applicant **within three months from date of payment of the Ancillary Claim, by the Local Authority, to the applicant:**

- Receipt from the supplier/landlord confirming payment by the Grant Applicant
- Proof of payment transaction by the applicant to the supplier/landlord
- Photographic evidence of the alternative accommodation or storage at the prescribed location

Failure to Submit the Supporting Documentation

In the event the grant approved applicant, does not subsequently furnish the verification/supporting documents as specified within the three-month timeframe, then an amount equal to the Ancillary Grant paid will be deducted from the applicant's next Interim Payment Claim or Final Payment Claim.

Ancillary Grant for Immediate Repairs

If you wish to submit a Claim in respect of **Immediate Repairs Costs**, Donegal County Council will require the following supporting documents:

- A Report from your Competent Building Professional stating that in his/her opinion the immediate repairs to the relevant dwelling were necessary, describing the immediate repairs completed and the actual cost of the immediate repairs.
- Contractor's Invoice / Receipt
- Statement of Completion from your Competent Building Professional
- Proof of Payment i.e. a Valid Bank Statement. The Bank Statement should include the Name & Address of the Bank, the name & address of the applicant, relevant transactions and associated dates and the account number.

Please note, in the case of a Bank Transfer, the Bank Account should be in the name and address of the applicant or joint applicant.

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