

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

Ancillary Grants are available to applicants under the terms of the Enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme.

Applicants with an Approved Remediation Option Grant issued **before 23 October 2024:**

An applicant may apply for an Ancillary Grant where a Remediation Option Grant approved under Section 16(4)(a) of the Act is less than €420,000. Ancillary grants are calculated in accordance with the Remediation Option Grant under Section 10, or such other figure as is provided for by order under Section 11, of the Act, the total amount of a Remediation Option Grant and an ancillary grant shall not exceed the amount of €420,000.

Applicants with an Approved Remediation Option Grant issued **on or after 23 October 2024:**

An applicant may apply for an Ancillary Grant where a Remediation Option Grant approved under Section 16(4)(a) of the Act is less than €462,000. Ancillary grants are calculated in accordance with the Remediation Option Grant under Section 10, or such other figure as is provided for by order under Section 11, of the Act, the total amount of a Remediation Option Grant and an ancillary grant shall not exceed the amount of €462,000. S.I. No. 577 of 2024 refers.

The Ancillary Grant may refer to costs incurred 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 dwelling that is damaged due to the use of defective concrete block containing excessive amounts of deleterious material.

The dwelling must be:

- a. The applicant's Principal Private Residence or, alternatively, the applicant is a landlord of a tenancy in the relevant dwelling
- b. The dwelling was constructed/acquired prior to 31st January 2020
- c. And the dwelling is not an unauthorised structure.

Ancillary Grants are available to assist with the following costs:

- Immediate Repairs
- Storage
- Alternative Accommodation costs (**Principal Private Residence only**)

Please note: Applicants must have an approved Remediation Option Grant before they can apply for any of the three elements of the Ancillary Grant.

Submitting a Valid Payment Claim for Ancillary Grant

Payment Claims in respect of Ancillary Grants can be submitted via the Online Portal 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

Planning Permission

It is your responsibility to ensure that you obtain confirmation from the Planning Authority that any Alternative Accommodation (e.g. Static Mobile) is in compliance with the requirements of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Required Vouching Documents

In the case of a Static Mobile Home:

- 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.
- Location of the alternative accommodation.

In the case of Rented Accommodation:

- 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.

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 Donegal County Council, 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 at the prescribed location, if applicable.

Please note that the Committed Ancillary Grant does not cover homeowners receiving more than one month of rent in advance, as this would be contrary to the Residential Tenancies (No. 2) Act 2021.

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.

Applicants may be restricted from submitting further claims until the necessary supporting documents have been furnished to the satisfaction of Donegal County Council.

Ancillary Grant for Storage

Planning Permission

It is your responsibility to ensure that you obtain confirmation from the Planning Authority that any Storage (e.g. Container) is in compliance with the requirements of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Required Vouching Documents

In the case of a One-Off Cost e.g. Purchase of a Storage Container:

- 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, including contents.
- Address / location of the storage container

In the case of a recurring cost e.g. lease of a Storage Facility:

- 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.
- Photographic Evidence of the Storage Facility, including contents.

Supporting documentation for Committed Expenditure

Where a homeowner has entered commitments with a Supplier, the following supporting documentation is required to be submitted by the applicant within three months from date of payment of the Ancillary Claim, by Donegal County Council, to the applicant:

- Receipt from the supplier confirming payment by the Grant Applicant
- Proof of payment transaction by the applicant to the supplier
- Photographic evidence of the Storage at the prescribed location including contents.

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.

Applicants may be restricted from submitting further claims until the necessary supporting documents have been furnished to the satisfaction of Donegal County Council.

Ancillary Grant for Immediate Repairs

Applicants must have an Approved Remediation Option Grant **before** they can submit a Claim in respect of Immediate Repairs.

This does not preclude an applicant from undertaking Immediate Repairs before receiving an Approved Remediation Option Grant and submitting a Payment Claim at a later date, once approved for a Remediation Option Grant.

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.