

**10 April 2024**

**Our ref: FOI 347**

## **Request**

We received your request on 15 March 2024 for the following information:

*How much money has been spent by the NIHE on Home Improvement Grants in the last three financial years including the present year; 2021/22, 2022/23 and year to date 2023/24.*

*Could you further break it down by type of grant; Renovation Grants, Replacement Grants and Home Repairs Assistance Grants.*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

## **Our response**

The Housing Executive administers five different Home Improvement Grants on behalf of the Department of Communities. They are:

- Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)
- Repair Grant
- Renovation Grant
- Replacement Grant
- Home Repair Assistant Grant

DFGs and Repair Grants are mandatory and the remaining grants are discretionary. All grants are subject to funding being available from the Department. The discretionary grants are only available in exceptional circumstances and have faced budget restrictions across the last 3 financial years.

The table below is a breakdown of the total expenditure for each grant type available in the last three financial years:

| Grant Type           |                        | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24<br>DRAFT* | Grand Total |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|-------------|
|                      |                        | £K      | £K      | £K                | £K          |
| Mandatory Grants     | Disabled Facilities    | 8,732   | 10,173  | 12,116            | 31,021      |
|                      | Repair                 | 663     | 456     | 474               | 1,593       |
|                      |                        |         |         |                   |             |
| Discretionary Grants | Renovation             | 1,419   | 1,124   | 575               | 3,118       |
|                      | Home Repair Assistance | 242     | 178     | 54                | 474         |
|                      | Replacement            | 112     | 12      | 3                 | 127         |
| Total                |                        | 11,168  | 11,943  | 13,222            | 36,333      |

\* 2023/24 spend is draft, as audit is not complete and subject to change.

This concludes our response.