



Kilkenny County Council

Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT

### SELF HELP SCHEME

The objective of this scheme is to assist Local Authority tenants to carry out improvements works on 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.

#### **Works Covered under the Scheme?**

##### **External works**

- Repairs/Replacement of Windows/Doors
- Repairs/Replacement and cleaning of Gutters/Downpipes
- External/Internal painting of house
- Repairs/Replacement of front and back Gates
- Provision of a shed and auxiliary works
- Skip Hire
- Garden Maintenance

##### **Internal**

- Repairs/Replacement Doors/Presses
- Repairs/Replacement sink/Kitchen Presses
- Provision of Attic Insulation, Attic Tanks, Pipe lagging and Cylinder Jacket
- Ventilation and associated works
- Provision of Cavity Wall Insulation
- Provision of Dry Lying

## 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 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. Then the 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 €1,250.
- The minimum estimated cost of the proposed works must be not less than €250.



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