

Flood Support Schemes

Flood Resilience and Resistance Grant Scheme Guidance

Resilience and Resistance Grants

Resilience and resistance grants will provide support of up to £5000 (inclusive of VAT) to pay for work that improves a property's ability to withstand future flooding.

Who is eligible?

Business owners and homeowners are only eligible to apply for a grant if your property suffered **flood damage** as a result of the Winter Storms that affected the North of England in December 2015 and January 2016.

For residential properties (including static caravans where this is your primary home) this means habitable internal areas of the premise were damaged by flooding.

For businesses (including charitable organisations) this means internal areas of the premises which are critical to the day to day operations (i.e. not storage sheds or warehouses) were damaged by flooding.

Grant will only be payable to the person responsible for the fabric of the property, normally the property owner.

What Will Be Funded by the Grant?

Grants must be used only for:

- improvements to the fabric of the premises that would reduce the impact and cost of subsequent flooding on the property **and**
- are over and above repairs that would normally be covered by insurance.

Grants are not intended to cover standard repairs or to provide compensation. Normal property repairs to reinstate damage on a like-for-like basis should be covered by insurance and are not eligible to receive grant.

The following table gives examples about the kind of flood resilience measures that might be considered:

Property level-measures	Indicative cost range £s ²
Airbrick Cover	20-40
Sewerage Bung	30-50
Toilet Pan Seal	60-80
Self-closing airbrick	50-90
Non-return valves 12mm overflow pipe	70-110
Silicone gel around openings for cables etc.	80-120
Repair mortar	80-120
Non-return valves 40mm utility waste pipe	80-120
Re-pointing external walls with water resistant mortar	150-250
Waterproof external walls	200-400
Sump Pump	400-600
Non-return valves 110mm soil waste pipe	550-650
Demountable Door Guards	500-900
Demountable Window Guards	500-900
Replace sand-cement screeds on solid concrete slabs (with dense screed)	670-740
Replace ovens with raised, built-under type	700-780
Replace mineral insulation within walls with closed cell insulation	720-800
Move electrics well above likely flood level	760-840
Replace chipboard flooring with treated timber floorboards	920-1020
Mount boilers on wall	1080-1200
Automatic Door Guards	1000-2000
Move service meters above likely flood level	1620-1800
Garage/Driveway Barrier	2000-3000
Replace floor including joists with treated timber to make it water resilient	3490-3850
Replace gypsum plaster with water resistant material, such as lime	4280-4740
Replace chipboard kitchen/bathroom units with plastic units	5000-5520
Install chemical damp-proof course below joist level	6250-6910
Replace timber floor with solid concrete	8210-9070

Please note you can also claim up to £500 for a professional survey of your premises to identify flood risks.

Applying for a grant

Before applying for a grant all homeowners and businesses are advised to visit the flood forum website and to follow the six steps to flood resilience.

<http://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/property-level-protection-community-tool/>

Residential properties and commercial premises operating from buildings which are of brick or stone construction should **also** obtain a tailored report on the type of flood resilience measures that might be appropriate for their property from the government funded Property-Protection-Adviser website

<http://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/flood-protection-adviser/>

If you have a commercial premise of non traditional construction and find the report is not applicable to your type of property you should note this on your application form.

This website will give guidance on the kind of measures that might need to be fitted and their likely cost. You will be asked a few simple questions about your property and will receive a tailored report that takes into account the age and type of property. **This is a very simple process, is free and takes only a few minutes to produce the report.**

For eligible properties, you can apply for any measure recommended by the Property-Protection Adviser report or included in the list above, up to a maximum of £5000. You can choose which measures you wish to implement but please note that not all of the measures identified may be suitable for your property or appropriate for the type of flood risk to your property.

You should note that if you wish to have a specialist survey undertaken on your property and to take advice about which measures would be best suited to your property, the costs of undertaking a professional property survey can be included as part of your Repair and Renew Claim.

The Council will consider applications from homeowners/businesses who have **already undertaken** flood resilience measures. In this case you should apply using the process below but clearly specify on the application form what has been completed, provide appropriate receipts/invoices and explain how you demonstrated that value for money was being achieved (e.g. by obtaining a number of quotes).

To apply, homeowners and businesses should complete an Application Form and submit this to the Council together with their tailored report and at least one quote from a suitable qualified provider, which sets out the costs of undertaking works to your property.

To ensure value for money, you may wish to obtain more than one quote. The Council may ask you to provide additional quotes if it feels the costs submitted are excessively high.

Your quotes must:

- be independent of the applicant
- Be comparable (i.e. same or similar specification)
- Be dated
- Show the suppliers address, telephone number and contact details
- Give the VAT number (if VAT is charged on the quote)
- Show the suppliers company registration number (if they are a limited company)

The Council will consider the report and your quote(s) and will provide you with a grant award letter, which sets out the works that should be undertaken and the level of grant that will be awarded upon the successful completion of these works. You will then be required to sign an acceptance form, which sets out the conditions of the grant.

You should then arrange to undertake the works specified. Once the work has been completed you should provide us with final receipts/invoices and we will then arrange for your grant to be released to you. We will normally expect works to be completed within 3 months, unless you have contacted us to tell us otherwise.

We will process the payment by bank transfer. You should receive the grant within 30 days of us receiving your invoices/receipts.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring the measures proposed are suitable for their property. The Council shall not be held liable to the applicant in respect of any loss or damage, breach of contract, consequential and indirect loss, or personal injury or death (other than caused by the Council's negligence) which arises out of or in connection with the grant, or use of the flood resilience measures.

The Council reserves the right to inspect properties that have received grants under this scheme, to ensure that the works specified have been undertaken, as agreed. If during the inspection it is found that you have not installed the relevant measures or they are no longer in place, we may seek recovery of the original grant funding.

Further advice/guidance

- **Insurance Company Advice** - Your insurance company may be able to offer advice during an assessment visit, or through a helpline. A number of insurance companies have established free advisory services following the recent flooding.
- **Property Protection Adviser Website** (www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/property-level-protection-community-tool/) - Homeowners and businesses can obtain a tailored report on the type of flood resilience measures that might be appropriate for their property from the Defra funded Property-Protection-Adviser website, which will give guidance on the kind of measures that might need to be fitted and their likely cost. You will be asked a few simple questions about your property and will receive a tailored report that takes into account the age and type of property.
- **Environment Agency Website** - <https://www.gov.uk/browse/environment-countryside/flooding-extreme-weather>
- **Prepare you property for flooding guide** - https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/451622/LIT_4284.pdf

