



Housing Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 44

PART VII

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS WORKS OF IMPROVEMENT, REPAIR AND CONVERSION

Special grants

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- (1) A local authority shall pay a special grant if—
 - (a) an application for such a grant, made in accordance with this Part of this Act, is approved by them, and
 - (b) the conditions for the payment of the grant are fulfilled,and, subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, a local authority may approve an application for a special grant in such circumstances as they think fit.
- (2) An application for a special grant shall specify by how many households and individuals the house concerned is occupied and with what standard amenities it is already provided.
- (3) In its application in relation to special grants, Part II of Schedule 6 to this Act shall have effect as if paragraphs 2 and 3 and, in paragraph 1, the words "Except as provided by paragraph 2 below " were omitted.

70 Amount of special grant

- (1) Where a local authority approve an application for a special grant they shall determine the amount of the expenses which in their opinion are proper to be incurred for the execution of the relevant works and shall notify the applicant of that amount.
- (2) If any of the relevant works are not exclusively for the purpose of providing one or more of the standard amenities, only so much of the cost of carrying out those works as is, in the opinion of the local authority, attributable to the provision of the

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standard amenity or standard amenities shall be taken into account for the purpose of the determination under subsection (1) above.

- (3) If the applicant satisfies the local authority that the relevant works cannot be or could not have been carried out without the carrying out of additional works and that this could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time the application was made, the local authority may, subject to subsection (2) above, determine a higher amount under subsection (1) above.
- (4) Except in a case or description of case in respect of which the Secretary of State approves a higher eligible expense, the eligible expense for the purposes of a special grant shall be so much of the amount determined under subsection (1) above as does not exceed the aggregate of the amounts specified in the second column of Part I of Schedule 6 to this Act in relation to each of the standard amenities which are to be provided by the relevant works (so that, where the relevant works make provision for more than one standard amenity of the same description, a separate amount shall be aggregated for each of those amenities).
- (5) The amount of a special grant shall be such as may be fixed by the local authority when they approve the application for the grant but shall not exceed the appropriate percentage of the eligible expense and, together with the notification under subsection (1) above, the local authority shall send to the applicant a notification of the amount of the grant.