

Who qualifies for assistance?

To qualify, someone in your household must meet the following criteria: .

Be in receipt of one of the following income-related benefits:

- Income Support
- Employment & Support Allowance
- Income Based Job seekers Allowance
- Minimum Income Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Means Tested Council Tax Benefit

And one of the following

- Have a Child 16 years or under in the household.
- Be 60 years or over
- Be suffering from a long term illness or with a disability in receipt of one of the following:
 - Working Tax Credit Disability Element
 - Long Term Incapacity Benefit
 - Disability living Allowance
 - Industrial Injuries, e.g. Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
 - Attendance Allowance
 - War Disablement Pension

Applicants must also:

- Be aged 18 or over at the time of the application
- Live in the dwelling as their only or main residence
- Have an owners interest in the dwelling, alone or jointly with others.
- Have a duty or power to carry out the works in question.

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**Repair
Assistance
Scheme**

**HELP FOR
CRAVEN
DISTRICT
HOME OWNERS**

What is the Repair Assistance Scheme?

The Council can offer home-owners financial assistance for essential work to keep your home weather proof and weather tight, through the Repairs Assistance Scheme (RAS).

The Council has limited funds available for essential repairs, by means of an interest-free loan, repayable on the future sale or transfer of your property.

The RAS scheme is intended for **small to medium sized works of repair**. For instance:

- ROOF

Repairs to slates or tiles, pointing, flashing and aprons, chimney pots, fascia boards and soffits, rain water gutters and down pipes.

- WINDOWS/DOORS

Replacing where reasonable repair is not possible, or where there is insufficient ventilation.

- HEATING

Dangerous, obsolete or irreparable heating systems.

However, please note if the required work could be covered and you are eligible for a different Government grant, a referral will be made to that scheme. RAS will only be considered if the works are required urgently and there would be an unreasonable delay by referral to another grant provider.

- ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Full or partial rewiring or replacement of wiring that is unsafe or old.

- STRUCTURAL DEFECTS

Rectifying severe rising damp

We may ask you to provide a report from a professional in order to help us assess whether the work required is eligible for RAS, e.g. for gas applicants, a report by a Gas Safe Registered installer, for electrical work, a report by a competent electrical contractor (for example a member of the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting), and for structural work, a report from a suitably qualified surveyor/engineer outlining the problem and specifying suitable remedial works.

What other work may be available if I qualify for assistance through RAS?

ENERGY EFFICIENCY— if related core work is being carried out, the following additional work can also be included within the RAS application:

- Loft insulation
- Hot water tank and pipe insulation
- Draught –proofing
- Cavity wall insulation
- Sedbuk A or B rated boiler replacement/thermostatic radiator valves (where work is required to heating systems).

PLEASE NOTE: Eligibility under other grant scheme will always be checked first.

What works are not eligible for RAS?

The following works are specifically not eligible for RAS assistance:

- Routine maintenance—for example, cleaning out gutters, servicing of gas appliances, repairing leaks, etc.
- Internal redecoration
- External redecoration (exceptions may apply if related to other core work).
- Cosmetic work, i.e. wall tiling where there is no repair issue.
- Routine servicing of heating systems or conversion to a different type of fuel, except in the case of solid fuel
- Replacement of portable heating appliances
- Wiring and fixtures to outbuildings, garages and add on porches.

Any work that is covered by your current building insurance.