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Carlow County Council is Delivering Real Housing Supports

As well as delivering new homes through its building programme Carlow County Council helps people to carry out renovations and repairs to their own homes to allow them to continue to live there, meeting their housing needs in the best way by keeping them in their own communities.

Each year Carlow County Council provides more than €1.5m in grants to individual households under three schemes including Housing Adaptation and Mobility Grants and Housing for Older People. Housing grants provided by Carlow County Council are an essential part of housing services delivered by the Housing Department and improve the quality of life of so many elderly and disabled people each year. These grants are extremely important in improving living conditions and allowing people to stay living in their own homes and in the community where all their social networks are.

Housing supports are also provided to those in private rented accommodation allowing families and individuals to secure housing to meet their needs. There are currently in excess of 1100 households availing of support through Carlow County Council with the RAS and HAP schemes. HAP is a payment made to private landlords to support households in private rented accommodation. The Council also identifies suitable rental properties for approved housing applicants under the RAS Scheme.

In partnership with The Monastery Hostel and FOCUS IRELAND, Carlow County Council also provides homeless emergency accommodation and tenancy supports where necessary. These supports include working with people who are at risk of homelessness and are assisted in sourcing a housing solution to prevent homelessness.

The Housing Department continues to deliver a full range of housing supports and services to families as well as delivering a busy building programme and the continued delivery of all of these services are critically important for Carlow.

Mortgage approvals under the Rebuilding Ireland Loan Scheme are also administered by Carlow County Council with 14 mortgages approved to date in 2018.

Carlow County Council's Housing Department delivers a broad range of services and supports to assist people to meet their housing needs through private grants, private rental supports, homeless services and mortgage approvals and will provide information and guidance on any of these schemes at their offices at Civic Offices, Inner Relief Road, Tullow, Co. Carlow.

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