



# Housing Act 1969

## 1969 CHAPTER 33

### PART I

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS COST OF IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS

##### *Supplemental*

**23 Statement of reasons for not approving application for grant or fixing less than maximum for improvement grant**

Where a local authority do not approve an application for a grant under this Part of this Act or fix the amount of an improvement grant at less than the maximum authorised by section 5 of this Act they shall state to the applicant in writing their reasons for doing so.

**24 Assistance for works specified in applications for grants under former enactments**

For the purpose of allowing an application for an improvement grant or standard grant to be made notwithstanding that all or some of the works to be specified therein were specified in an application (made before the commencement of this Act) for an improvement grant under section 30 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 or a standard grant under section 4 of the House Purchase and Housing Act 1959, the local authority shall allow that application to be withdrawn, whether or not it has been approved, unless they are satisfied that the works specified in the application have been begun.

**25 Special provisions as to parsonages, almshouses, etc.**

Sections 2(6) and 8(4) of this Act do not apply in relation to—

- (a) an application for a grant under this Part of this Act in respect of glebe land or the residence house of an ecclesiastical benefice made, during a period when the benefice is vacant, by a sequestrator of the profits thereof; or

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- (b) an application for such a grant in respect of a building held upon trust for use as an almshouse or as the residence of a minister of any religious denomination made by the trustees exercising the powers of management of the trust estate ;  
or
- (c) an application for such a grant made on behalf of a charity where land to which the application relates is land which, or an interest in which, is vested in the official custodian for charities or any other custodian trustee in trust for the charity;

and do not apply in relation to any land which is proposed to be sold or leased to the applicant under section 105(2) of the Act of 1957 (power to dispose of land for the purpose of carrying out works in connection with work on an adjoining house).

## 26 Local authorities for purposes of Part I

The local authorities for the purposes of this Part of this Act are the councils of boroughs, urban districts and rural districts and the Common Council of the City of London.

## 27 Interpretation

In this Part of this Act—

" house in multiple occupation " means a house which is occupied by persons who do not form a single household;

" housing authority " means the council of a county, county borough, London borough or county district, the Greater London Council, the Common Council of the City of London, the Commission for the New Towns or a development corporation within the meaning of the New Towns Act 1965 ;

" improvement " includes alteration and enlargement and such repairs and replacements as are either incidental to some other improvement or needed (in the opinion of the person paying any grant or contribution) for the purpose of making the other improvement fully effective;

" improvement grant " has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(2) of this Act;

" prescribed ", except where the context otherwise requires, means prescribed by regulations made by the Minister ;

" special grant " and " standard grant " have the meanings assigned to them by section 1(2) of this Act.