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**Do you want to move to a smaller Home?  
We may be able to help**

**Read on to see if we can help you with an  
Under - Occupation Grant**

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## Introduction

We want to encourage people who are living in houses too large for their needs to “downsize” to a smaller property. As well as helping the tenant who moves, we can then allocate a larger family—sized home to a family who needs it.

## What is an Under Occupation Grant ?

In March 2011 Eildon Housing Association’s Board approved an annual budget to help tenants who are in larger properties with more bedrooms than they need, to downsize to a smaller property. This approach also aims to help those who may be affected by the proposal to limit Housing Benefit (from April 2013) for those of working age in Social Housing who are living in a property deemed to be larger than they require.

## What Support is Available

If you would like to move to a smaller property but cannot manage all the removal and associated costs, this grant can help.

If you would like to move to a smaller property but need assistance to deal with the practicalities, we can also help.

Your Housing Officer will meet with you to discuss the best option for you.

Help with the following (to the total value of £1500)

- Arranging packing and removal of furniture
- Disconnection and re-connection of white goods
- Removal and refit of carpets
- Telephone disconnection and reconnection

- Mail redirection
- Decorating larger property to re-let standard
- Support to make arrangements with utility companies, home insurance, benefits etc.

## Eligibility

### You can apply if

- You are an Eildon Housing Association tenant/s currently occupying a larger house (three bedrooms or more) with at least one bed room not being used.
- You wish to transfer to a smaller Eildon Housing Association property which meets your needs and would improve your and/or your households’ quality of life considering health and social factors.
- You are registered with Borders Choice Homes
- We are not taking legal action against you.

This leaflet explains the grant and support that may be available to help with moving costs when transferring to a smaller property which meets your needs.

### How to Apply:

For further information or to arrange an appointment or a home visit, please contact your Housing Officer on the number on the back of this leaflet.