



The HomeMod



About the HomeMod Program

The City of Chicago is committed to increasing the provision of accessible housing options for people with disabilities. Administered by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), the HomeMod Program enables people with disabilities, who are under the age of 60 and of low to moderate income, to have their homes modified for accessibility. All residences qualify for modifications, from single family homes and condominiums to rental apartments.

A primary goal of the HomeMod Program is to enhance the independence of people with disabilities. An accessible living environment allows people with disabilities to fully participate in all aspects of life and creates greater opportunities for social, economic and educational advancement.



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311

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www.cityofchicago.org/disabilities



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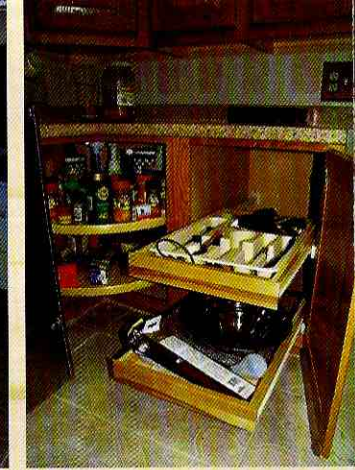
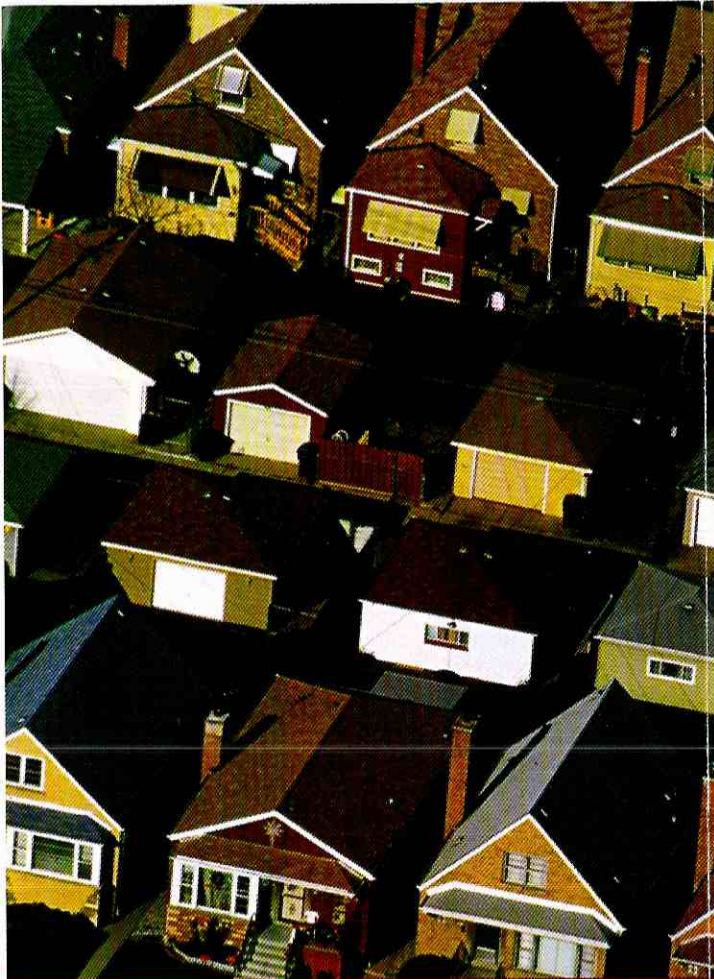
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- Payment of any outstanding property taxes, parking tickets and water bills
- If applicable, child support compliance

Prior to beginning modifications, MOPD will perform on-site inspections for environmental issues and lead-based paint. In addition, MOPD will verify that there are no existing Building Code violation(s) for the residence undergoing modifications.

■ ■ **What are the benefits of participating in the HomeMod Program?**

- Allows people with disabilities to achieve their maximum level of independence.
- Provides a safe and suitable living environment for people with disabilities and their families.
- Enhances the independence of people with disabilities. An accessible living environment provides people with disabilities a greater opportunity to fully participate in all aspects of life, such as employment, recreation and education.
- Increases the housing stock for people with disabilities—making apartments and single family homes accessible ensures that people with disabilities have appropriate and safe housing.

■ ■ **How to Apply**

The application period for the HomeMod Program is October 1–December 15 annually. Applications must be received no later than the deadline to qualify for review.

■ ■ **What kind of modifications can be made?**

A licensed contractor, along with MOPD staff, will conduct in-home assessments of the client's home environment to determine what accessibility features will enhance the person's independence and safety.

Typical alterations include kitchen and bathroom modifications and the addition of interior and exterior lifts and ramps. Specific modifications can include the installation of grab bars, lowering cabinets and countertops and widening doorways. Subsequent work may include, but is not limited to: plumbing, electrical, carpentry, masonry, dry walling, tiling and painting. All services will be performed in accordance with federal, state and municipal accessibility legal requirements.

Modifications are limited to a maximum of \$10,000 per project based on available funding and are made possible through grant funds. Site inspections performed by licensed, insured and experienced home remodeling companies.

■ ■ **What are the eligibility requirements?**

- Chicago residents with disabilities under 60 years of age
- Must be head of household, spouse or legal dependent of the head of household
- Households with incomes below 80% of the area median income may qualify for a full grant; those whose income is over 80% of the area median income may qualify for a partial grant
- Homeowners and renters may qualify for this program



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