



Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities **Funding Resources** Guide for Accessible Modifications

MOPD's Funding resource guide for accessible modifications links people with disabilities to programs and resources that provide home based services which include; accessible modifications, funding for modifications, assistance and general information on accessible resources.

For more information, please contact these resources directly or MOPD for any services we may offer @:

Phone - 312.744.6673 (Voice) or 312.744.7833 (TTY)

Email - MOPDHOMEMOD@cityofchicago.org

or stop by @ 2102 W Ogden Ave / Chicago, IL 60612

Please note: This Information and referral brochure should be used only as a guide. It is subject to change without notice.



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The HomeMod Program

2102 W. Ogden Ave.
(312) 743-5767 - Main Line
(312) 744-7833 - TTY
Ramps, lifts, kitchens, baths and other accessible modifications for Chicago residents with a disability under 59 years of age.

Small Accessible Repairs for Seniors (SARFS)

(312) 744-4190 - Main Line
www.cityofchicago.org/housing
Provides safety, security and accessibility improvements to help senior citizens remain in their homes.

DHS Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

1 (800) 843-6154 - Main Line
www.dhs.state.il.us/drs
DRS works in partnership with people with disabilities age 18-59 and their families to assist them in making informed choices to achieve full community participation through employment, education, and independent living opportunities.

Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP)

1 (800) 852-5110
www.itech.org
IATP has a loan program specifically for individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives, who are residents of the State of Illinois. ATLOAN\$ are available to purchase assistive technology for daily living.

Ramp Up with UCP Seguin

(708) 444-8460 x231 - Main Line
www.ucpseguin.org/technology_services/ramp_up.html
Ramp Up provides ramps and interior modifications making homes accessible to people with disabilities. By overcoming obstacles as simple and insurmountable as a few steps, Ramp Up paves the way to greater freedom for people with limited mobility.

Private Pay

Familial resources should not be overlooked. Family members often times can pool together resources to assist loved ones.

Crime Victims Compensation Program (CVC)

1 (800) 228-3368 - Main Line
1 (877) 398-1130 - TTY
<http://www.ag.state.il.us/victims/cvc.html>
Sponsored by the Illinois Attorney General's Office, CVC can assist innocent victims and their families with financial assistance for expenses accrued as a result of a violent crime.

Veterans Administration SHA Grant & SAH Grant

1 (877) 827-3702 - Main Line
www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adapt-edhousing.asp
VA provides grants to Service members and Veterans with certain permanent and total service connected disabilities to help purchase or construct an adapted home, or modify an existing home to accommodate a disability. Two grant programs exist: the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant and the Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) grant.

Illinois Department of Human Services: (HSP)

1 (800) 843-6154 - Main Line
1 (800) 324-5553 - TTY
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us>
The Division of Rehabilitation Services Home Services Program (HSP) provides services to individuals with severe disabilities so they can remain in their homes and be as independent as possible.

Medicare

www.medicare.gov
Available to persons over the age of 65, this agency does not pay for home modifications but does provide durable medical equipment that may assist with accessibility within the home.

EZ Access Loan Program

(312) 822-3000 - Main Line
The Amalgamated Bank offers this program and any person with a disability who is a resident of Illinois is eligible. The loan is for purchase of equipment and/or services directly related to the applicant's disability. Loans are available at reduced rates and the Bank will lend as little as \$1000.

Illinois Housing Development Authority

(312) 836-5200
IHDA Mortgage
Whether you're a first time or repeat homebuyer, the Access Mortgage program has a down payment option to meet your needs. Available statewide, each mortgage option comes with an affordable, fixed interest rate and up to \$10,000 to assist eligible borrowers with their down payment and closing costs for the purchase of a new or existing home.

Tech Connect Low Interest Loan Program

1 (877) 884-7267 - Main Line
www.nationalramp.com/resources-area/ramp-financing/techconnect-low-interest-loan-program/
This program is a collaborative effort between the Office of Rehabilitation Services, the Illinois Assistive Technology Project, Centers for Independent Living and statewide disability advocacy organizations. Individuals with disabilities can utilize these loans to purchase equipment and/or services relative to home modifications at low interest rates. Requirements include that the applicant or family member have a disability, Illinois residency and that quality of life would be improved with the use of such technology. Despite having no credit or poor credit, the applicant may still be eligible for a bank loan.

Landlords

The Fair Housing Act of 1968 states that tenants have the right to make reasonable modifications to their apartments, with the permission of the Landlord, but at the expense of the tenant.

Fannie Mae Foundation

This not for profit foundation creates affordable housing programs supporting homeownership and rental housing (www.fanniemae.foundation.org).