

# Home Modification & Accessibility Grant Program

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## **What is the purpose of the Home Mod & Accessibility grant program?**

The purpose of the program is to provide housing accessibility modifications for eligible applicants who are Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and individuals with disabilities or special needs that will extend their ability to live independently in the community. Home modification will allow eligible individuals to overcome roadblocks in realizing an enhanced quality of life while attaining the highest level of self-sufficiency possible.

## **What is the maximum grant amount?**

Up to \$15,000 is available to qualified beneficiaries or individuals with a single-family, owner-occupied home, or up to \$12,000 for applicants who live in rental housing. There are no income limits or age limit.

## **What form of assistance does the grant program provide?**

Assistance is in the form of a grant to eligible applicants. Grants are made possible by funding through a joint program of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

## **What types of property are eligible?**

- The residence must be within the Municipality of Anchorage and must be a single-family, owner-occupied dwelling that is used as the principal residence of the applicant.
- For applicants who live in rental housing, and whose improvements exceed \$2,500, the recipient will be required to have a minimum two-year lease.

## **What funds may be used for and who can participate?**

- Bathroom modifications (such as installing grab bars, raising toilet height, adding tub chairs).
- Installation of additional handrails to stairs or installing a chair glide and/or installation of ramps.
- Adapting the environment to manage behavioral issues associated with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders or to mitigate any functional losses due to traumatic head injuries.
- Devices to assist hearing and/or sight impaired individuals.
- Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and individuals with disabilities or special needs who have need for accessibility accommodations, as documented by a medical professional, caseworker, or caregiver familiar with applicant's needs.
- The property must be the primary residence of the applicant for 3 years after completion of the modification. If the property is no longer occupied by a person with special needs within the 3 year period, all grant funds used must be repaid.
- The applicant must be able to provide evidence of ownership or, if a rental property, must have a lease of appropriate length and the landlord's consent.
- Other modifications that meet the program's goals for accessibility and extending the ability to live independently.
- There are no income or age limits.

**For More Information: Call 677-8490 and ask to speak with our Grant Coordinator.**