



HOME MODIFICATION FUND OPTIONS & RESOURCES

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Access Living

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Access Living is Chicago's premier Center for Independent Living, offering advocacy and administering various grants in partnership with organizations such as the Chicago Housing Authority, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Illinois Housing Development Authority. Access Living has long been at the forefront of the disability rights movement, working to remove barriers so people with disabilities can live the future they envision.

Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

www.incil.org
800-587-1227 v/TTY

Centers for Independent Living (CILs) are non-residential, community-based organizations led and operated by people with disabilities, grounded in the philosophy that all individuals with disabilities have rights. Illinois is home to 23 CILs statewide, including Access Living—the premier CIL in Chicago. Each CIL may offer different grants at various times, including those for home and vehicle modifications. Please visit their websites for the most current information.

Charles Tillman Cornerstone Foundation

The Tiana Fund
www.charlestillman.org

Former Chicago Bears NFL player Charles Tillman founded this foundation, which provides assistance to economically at-risk individuals. To apply, have your hospital social worker contact the Foundation's Executive Director.

Children's Variety Club

www.varietyofillinois.org
312-822-0660

Also known as The Children's Charity of the U.S., this organization provides financial assistance to children with physical challenges whose families cannot afford or access necessary resources.

Crime Victims Compensation

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www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Safer-Communities/Supporting-Victims-of-Crime/Crime-Victim-Compensation/
Toll Free: 800-228-3368

Administered by the Illinois Attorney General's Office, this program provides financial reimbursement of up to \$45,000 to eligible victims of violent crimes. Covered expenses include healthcare costs, home and vehicle accessibility modifications, funeral and burial expenses, loss of wages, and more.

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Post Adoption Program
www.5tate.il.us/DCFS
800-572-2390

Services are available for adoptive parents of children with special needs, including subsidies to assist them following adoption or guardianship.

Department of Human Services

www.dhs.state.il.us
800-843-6154
800-447-6404 TTY

Additionally, use the online DHS locator to find the office serving your area.

The Home Services Program (DORS/ORS)

Provides a variety of services to individuals with disabilities aged 18 to 59 who meet specific eligibility criteria, helping them to remain in their homes.

The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Program

Provides services for individuals of all ages with brain injuries who meet specific criteria and are at risk of imminent nursing home placement.

The Vocational Services Program (DORS/ORS)

Offers opportunities to support successful job attainment and may assist with vehicle lifts or modifications to facilitate transportation to and from work.

Department of Human Services

www.dhs.state.il.us
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Home Base Program

Provides services for adults and children with a waiver and a diagnosis of intellectual or developmental disabilities. These services are administered through various agencies, including Ray Graham, Clearbrook, Seguin Services, El Valor, Community Support Services, and others.

Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC)

www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc
217-558-2350 Central Admin Office
217-785-4728 Central Admin Office TTY
312-996-6380 Chicago Admin Office

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and the Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) provide services for children from birth to age 21 with special health care needs through their CORE and Home Care Programs. Administered by UIC, these programs offer home modifications and lifts for children with certain chronic physical disabilities who are medically fragile or technologically dependent, helping to prevent the need for institutional care.

The Department of Veteran’s Affairs
Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA)
www.va.gov
www.prosthetics.va.gov/hisa2asp
800-8274 000
To apply for grants below, visit website at
www.homeloans.va.gov/sah.htm & www.va.gov

Veterans with service-related or non-service-related disabilities may receive assistance for home improvements necessary to improve access to the home and bathroom. Current benefit amounts and eligibility criteria are available on the website. Veterans may qualify for both a HISA grant and either a SHA or SAH grant.r SAH grant.

Specially Adapted Housing (SAH)

This VA grant is available exclusively to veterans and service members with specific service-connected disabilities, helping them create barrier-free living by building or modifying a home to meet their needs.

Special Home Adaptation Grant (SHA)

This VA grant is available to veterans and service members with specific service-connected disabilities to assist with modifications to an existing home.

Automobile Adaptive Equipment (AAE)

Adaptive automobile equipment, including vehicle modifications and lifts, is available to veterans through specific provisions.

Fair Housing Act of 1968

Tenants have the right to make reasonable modifications to their homes with the landlord’s permission, but these modifications are at the tenant’s expense.

Habitat for Humanity
www.habitat.org

Habitat for Humanity is an international organization operating in 70 countries, dedicated to helping individuals build or improve their homes in various ways, including aging in place and accessibility modifications. Habitat has multiple locations throughout the state.

Healthcare and Family Service (HFS)
www.hfs.illinois.gov/medical

The Illinois HFS administers the Medicaid/Public Aid program, providing healthcare assistance for qualified individuals of all ages for home medical equipment that does not require home modifications. Please contact Access directly for assistance with the application process.

INCIL
Programs > Home Modification
www.incil.org
217-525-1308
Toll Free: 1-800-587-1227

The Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living administers a Home Modification Program funded by the State of Illinois, representing 22 Centers for Independent Living across the state. The program focuses on making private homes and rental properties more accessible through home improvements and accessibility modifications. Eligibility includes Illinois residents who own or rent their home (with landlord approval), have a person with a documented disability living in the home, and meet the maximum income requirement. This program serves the middle-income population.

The Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)
HomeMod Program
www.cityofchicago.org/disabilities
312-743-1523 or 312-744-7833 TTY

The Mayor’s Office of Chicago runs this program to assist low- to moderate-income individuals with disabilities in modifying their homes. Eligibility requires that the person with a disability be a Chicago resident under the age of 60 and meet specific income criteria.

Managed Care/Medicaid Waiver
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family
www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalClients/ManagedCare/Pages

Under state law, the Illinois HFS is required to enroll approximately 50% of Medicaid/Public Aid clients into care coordination programs, with an estimated 85% enrollment expected soon. Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are health insurance programs that assist with coordinating health care services, including home modifications. Some MCOs include Aetna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Humana, Illinicare, Meridian, Molina, and others.

Medicare
www.medicare.gov
800-MEDICARE

Medicare is a national social insurance program administered by the U.S. government for senior citizens and people with disabilities. It provides health insurance and may help cover some durable medical equipment but does not cover home modifications, as these are considered non-essential.

Money Follows the Person (MFP) and Community Reintegration Program

www.dhs.state.il.us

800-843-6154

800-447-6404 TTY

The goal is to increase the use of home and community-based services in an effort to reduce reliance on institutional care by empowering people with disabilities. This includes assisting individuals in transitioning from nursing homes back into the community through supports such as home modifications.

National/Local Chapters of Disability Organizations

Contact advocacy agencies or other resources such as the Spinal Cord Injury Association, Parkinson's Foundation, MS Foundation/Society, Paralyzed Veterans of America, ALS Foundation, MDA, and others.

Private Insurance

It's worth checking with your individual insurance provider about potential benefits for home modifications; however, most insurance companies typically do not cover these expenses.

Progress Center for Independent Living/Proviso Township Grant for Home Modifications

www.progresscil.org

708-209-1500

The Progress Center for Independent Living, in partnership with Proviso Township, provides grants to township residents.

Ramp Up

UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago

Tinley Park

www.ucpseguin.org

708-444-8460 ext. 230

Ramp Up is a program of United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chicago. It provides assistance to income-eligible seniors and individuals with disabilities to improve home mobility through modifications, funded by a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

Thornton Township

Home Modification Program

www.thorntontownship.com

708-596-6040

Offers financial grants to residents of Thornton Township to help cover the cost of home accessibility modifications.

Township/Municipalities

Various grant opportunities may be available from time to time. Please check with local resources for the most up-to-date information.

Some places to start your search:

- Local VFWs
- Lion's Clubs
- Kiwanis
- Other Fraternal Clubs
- Masonic groups and lodges
- Hospital gift programs
- Reconditioned or rental equipment
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Reverse mortgages
- Fundraising or co-funding opportunities
- Local chapters of disability organizations

Financing is available through Access who has partnered with Hearth Financial Services to provide an opportunity to finance any project.

Contact Access for more information at www.allaboutaccess.com or 630-616-6249.



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