



HOME MODIFICATION FUNDING OPTIONS

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of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin

630-616-6249

www.allaboutaccess.net

Medicare

www.medicare.gov

800-MEDICARE

A national social insurance program for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, administered by the US. Government, which provides health insurance and can help pay for some durable medical equipment but does not pay for any home modifications of any type, as it is considered a luxury item.

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 effort to reduce the use of institutionally based services by empowering people with disabilities by assisting with moving individuals from nursing homes back into the community, with the provision of supports such as home modifications.

National MS Society

www.nationalmssociety.org

800-344-4867

A nationwide agency that provides advocacy, as well as a variety of resources, including financial to individuals with multiple sclerosis.

Private Insurance

It is worth checking with your individual insurance carrier about benefit opportunities for home modifications, but by and large insurance companies don't pay for these needs.

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

www.progresscil.org

708-209-1 500

Progress Center for Independent Living, in conjunction with Proviso Township, provides grants to residents of the township for accessibility modifications.

Thornton Township

Home Modification Program

www.thorntontownship.com

708-596-6040

Provides financial grants to people who live in Thornton Township to help pay for accessibility modifications to the home.

Township/Municipalities

May have various grant opportunities from time to time. Please check local resources for additional opportunities.

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

ILLINOIS

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Access Living

www.accessliving.org
(312) 640-2100 Voice
(800) 613-8549 Toll free
(312) 640-2102 TTY

Access Living is the premier center for independent living in the city of Chicago, providing advocacy, administering different grants with entities such as the Chicago Housing Authority, Housing and Urban Development, Illinois Department of Housing Authority to name just a few. Access Living has been at the forefront of the disability rights movement, removing barriers so people with disabilities can live the future they envision.

Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

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

A non-residential community based organization, directed and managed by persons with disabilities, dedicated to the philosophy that all people with disabilities have rights. Illinois has 23 statewide CILs, including Access Living, which is the premier CIL in Chicago. Different CILs have different grants from time to time, including those for home and vehicle modifications. Please check website for more details.

Children's Variety Club

www.varietyofillinois.org
312-822-0660

Also known as The Children's Charity of the U.S., provides financial assistance for children with physical challenges, whose families cannot afford or obtain a variety of needs.

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 who may receive subsidies to assist them after adoption or guardianship.

Department of Human Services

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

Also, see the online DHS locator to find an office serving your area

The Home Services Program (DORS/ORS)

Provides a variety of services to individuals with disabilities between the ages of 18-59, who meet certain eligibility criteria, to remain in their home.

The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Program

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

The Vocational Services Program (DORS/ORS)

Provides opportunities for success in job attainment and may assist with vehicle lifts or modifications to transport an individual to and from work.

Department of Human Services

<http://www.dhs.state.il.us>

Division of Developmental Disabilities
Home Base Program

Provides services for both adults and children with a waiver and a diagnosis of mental retardation or developmental disabilities. It is administered through various agencies, such as Ray Graham, Clearbrook, Sequin Services, El Valor, Community Support Services, etc.

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/DSCC provides for children, from birth to age 21, special health care needs through their CORE Program and Home Care Program. This program is administered by the UIC and can provide modifications and lifts for children with certain chronic physical disabilities that are deemed medically fragile or technologically dependent. The individual would otherwise be at risk of 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 both service and non-service related disabilities can receive assistance for any home improvement necessary for access to the home and bathroom. Current benefit amounts and eligibility criteria are outlined on the website. A veteran may receive both a HISA grant and either a SHA or SAH grant.

Department of Veteran's Affairs- Specially Adapted Housing (SAH)

This VA grant is only for veterans and service members with specific service-connected disabilities, to provide barrier-free living. They may be able to build or modify a home to fit their needs.

Department of Veteran's Affairs- Special Home Adaptation Grant (SHA)

This VA grant is for veterans and service members with specific service-connected disabilities, allowing for the modification of an existing home.

Department of Veteran's Affairs- Automobile Adaptive Equipment (AAE)

Provisions are available for adaptive automobile equipment to veterans for modified vehicles and lifts.

Fair Housing Act of 1968

States that tenants have the rights to make reasonable modifications to their homes with the permission of the landlord, but at the expense of the tenant.

Healthcare and Family Service (HFS)

www.hfs.illinois.gov/medical

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

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 in the City of Chicago runs this program, which helps people with disabilities of low to moderate income, have their homes modified. Eligibility criteria include that the person with the disability be a resident of Chicago, under the age of 60 with income specifications.

Managed Care/Medicaid Waiver

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family

<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalClients/ManagedCare/Pages>

Services (HFS) - state law requires HFS to enroll approximately 50% of Medicaid/Public Aid clients into care coordination programs. It is estimated that 85% will be enrolled in the near future. A Managed Care Organization (MCO) is a type of health insurance program to assist with coordination of health care, including home modifications. Some of the MCO's include **Aetna, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, Community Care Alliance, County Care, Health Care Alliance, Humana, Meridian, Molina.**

