

What is the Home Improvement Program for the Physically Challenged?

The Town of Hempstead's Home Improvement Program for the Physically Challenged is designed to assist those homeowners in the town who have a member of the household permanently physically challenged and who requires handicapped accessibility as provided under the federal ADA regulations. Direct grants (which do not have to be repaid) are given to these residents so they may eliminate material or architectural barriers which restrict mobility or accessibility within the home. The grant provides up to \$20,000 per single-family home for this purpose.

NOTE: The funds for this program are provided in full by a Federal Community Development Block Grant.

Who is Eligible for these Grants?

All homeowners in the Town of Hempstead who have one member of the household permanently physically challenged, requiring handicapped accessibility as provided under the Federal ADA regulations and whose income does not exceed the maximum allowable amount indicated in this brochure are eligible to participate.

Types of Improvements that Can Be Done Through this Program

The types of improvements allowed through this grant may include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY throughout the house such as exterior and interior ramps, lifts, rails, walks, exterior grading, doors and door openings.

IMPROVEMENTS IN BATHROOMS such as grab bars and new or repositioned plumbing fixtures.

IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE such as the removal of saddles in doorways.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS, to be determined on a case-by-case basis, that are necessary to meet individual requirements. Such improvements must meet the basic objective of the program.

Income Qualifications

Family income calculations are based upon the gross income of everyone who is related by blood or marriage living in the house for which the grant will be applicable. Gross income is based upon the applicant's current information at the time of application. Please refer to the enclosed maximum family income limitation chart.

Assistance Provided by the Department of Planning and Economic Development

In addition to the provisions of the grant program, the Town of Hempstead Department of Planning and Economic Development will provide the following assistance to all who participate in this home improvement program:

- Assistance in filling out applications and advice on securing required documentation.
- Inspection of the property and recommendations with regard to improvements that may be of assistance to the individual.
- A complete construction write-up and cost estimate.
- Assistance in obtaining bids from approved contractors and safeguarding the interests of the homeowner.
- Field inspection of the work in progress.
- Certification that the work has been done properly before the final payment has been made to the contractor.

How to Apply

It's easy! Simply fill out the "Inquiry Form" on the back of this brochure, and mail the completed form to:



Town of Hempstead Department of Planning & Economic Development
Attention: Collette Lopez, Coordinator
200 North Franklin Street, Hempstead, New York 11550

Applications will be handled in order received.

This information is provided by the Town of Hempstead Department of Planning & Economic Development. If you have questions, call (516) 538-7100.