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2021 Housing Accessibility Program Information

What is the purpose of the housing accessibility program (Access Grant Program)?

To provide assistance, to Indiana County residents with permanent physical disabilities, that will enable them to maintain their independent living status by modifying their homes to accommodate their particular disability. Financial assistance will be in the form of a grant. No repayment is required and a lien will not be placed on the property.

What types of modifications are available?

Modifications can be made that increase the ability of persons with disabilities to perform activities of daily living. Adaptive modifications such as: ramps, outdoor wheelchair lifts, stair lifts, door widening, accessible bathroom modifications, grab bars, relocation of laundry or bedroom/bath area to an unused room (if feasible), visual door bells, lowering kitchen counters etc. Modifications are performed to enable the physically disabled to remain in their homes and age in place. Modifications must be within the existing footprint of the home. Construction of additions to the existing structure are not permitted.

Qualifications for Eligibility

- Residents of Indiana County that have a physician verified permanent physical disability.
- You must own your home and the property that it is located on, if a mobile home is on private property, you must submit a copy of your title and have a long-term property lease with the property owner. We cannot address homes in a mobile home park or community.
- Application is for your primary residence only.
- Your home's assessed value plus any rehab/modifications made (After Rehab Value) cannot exceed 95% of the Indiana County Median Home Value
- It is a requirement that you must have homeowners' insurance or secure insurance once accepted.
- Your home cannot be located in a Flood Zone.
- Your property taxes must be current, or you must have a written arrangement with Tax Claim for payment.
- Your gross annual household income cannot exceed the amount shown below for your family size.
- **Previous recipients of the Access Grant are not eligible. This is one-time assistance.**

Gross Annual Household Income (Before any deductions or taxes are removed)

Eligibility Maximums for Family Size - Based on 80% Indiana County Median Income as of June 1, 2021.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$36,800	\$42,050	\$47,300	\$52,550	\$56,800	\$61,000	\$65,200	\$69,400

Please do not enter into any contracts for work prior to being accepted into this program. We cannot reimburse you for work you had done outside of acceptance into the program.

***** PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A WAITING LIST FOR ASSISTANCE.**

If you should have any questions, or would like an application, please contact Christina Coleman at 724-465-3872 or ccoleman@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us.

~ Your information will be kept confidential! ~