

HOME Modification Program

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HOME MODIFICATION PROGRAM

A program designed to help persons with Developmental Disabilities live independently and safely in their own home.

Funded by the State of Florida State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP)

Administered by: The Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development, a joint department of the City of Sarasota and Sarasota County.

What is the Home Modification Program?

The home modification program helps persons with developmental disabilities make modifications to their homes so that they can live independently and safely.

Who Qualifies for the Program?

The applicant must own their own home and have a family member living in the home with a developmental disability. The family must also meet the income and other program eligibility requirements of the program.

The program can assist with a wide variety of modifications that increase the accessibility or safety of the home. Examples include:

Entrance Ramps, Widening Doorways
Modifying Bathrooms, Relocating
Electrical Switches, Removal of
Carpet, Visual Fire Alarms

How much assistance may I receive?

The maximum amount of assistance provided is \$15,000. Families needing more assistance may qualify for the Housing Rehabilitation Program to make additional housing improvements.

How is the assistance provided?

The first \$3,000.00 in assistance will be a grant that will never have to be repaid by the applicant.

The next \$12,000 is a forgivable loan at a 0% interest rate. There are no monthly payments. Each year that the homeowner remains in the home, an additional \$3,000 of the loan is forgiven so that if the family remains in the home and does not sell the home, the entire amount of the assistance goes away after 4 years.

How do I apply for the Program?

Contact the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development at 941-951-3640 extension 0.

Please refer to income chart for eligibility:



INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS

The chart below lists maximum eligible gross incomes adjusted to household size:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Maximum Income</u>
1	\$34,650
2	\$39,600
3	\$44,550
4	\$49,500
5	\$53,500
6	\$57,450
7	\$61,400
8	\$65,350
9 or more	Call for Limit

* Income limits may change, please call for the latest information.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Federal law prohibits housing discrimination based on your race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability. If you have been trying to buy or rent a home or apartment and you believe your civil rights have been violated, you can file a fair housing complaint by calling (900) 669-9777, TDD (800) 927-9275. You may also file a fair housing complaint on line at www.hud.gov.



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