



Funding Sources for Home Modification

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) Home Modification Resources

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

The Rehabilitation Technology Department's Adaptive Housing Program at MRC serves consumers with disabilities who are pursuing vocational/employment goals with needs for home modification. Contact: Eugene Blumkin (617)-204-3721 or Eugene.Blumkin@state.ma.us

Independent Living Center: Title VII Part B

In Massachusetts, federal money from Title VII Part B funding is made available to many of the Independent Living Centers (ILC) in Massachusetts for the purchase of equipment and services to assist people to maintain or achieve independence. For more information, please contact a regional ILC or contact MRC at (617)-204-3628

Home Modification Loan Program

The Home Modification Loan Program provides low- and no-interest loans to modify the homes of elders, adults and children with disabilities. Such home modifications allow individuals with disabilities to remain in their homes and live independently in their communities. Any homeowner who has a disability or has a household member who has a disability, or rents to an individual with a disability may apply for this loan. Contact: Susan Gillam at 1-866-500-5599 or via email at sgillam@cedac.org or visit the website for more information www.cedac.org/hmlp.

The Massachusetts Assistive Technology Loan Program (ATLP)

The Massachusetts Assistive Technology Loan Program (ATLP) provides low-interest loans to qualified people with disabilities and their families to purchase assistive technology devices and services that will help them lead more independent lives. If you are not financially eligible for home modifications under the HMLP, you may be able to apply to the ATLP. Contact: Leonidas Tonevski at 1-800-244-2756 ext.428 or 431 TTY 1-800-564-9700 or www.massatloan.org

Other State Agencies with Home Modification Resources

Department of Developmental Services (DSS)

Individuals eligible for services for the Department of Developmental Services may be eligible to receive adaptive housing services through the Family Support Program. For more information contact your regional DMR office or visit www.mass.gov/dds.

Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund (CICRF)

The Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund was established by legislation in 2000 to help families bear the excessive financial burdens associated with the care of children with special health care needs and disabilities. For more information, call Division for Special Health Needs Community Support Line at 1-800-882-1435 or go to www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/family-health/cicrf

Mass Housing, Home Improvement Loan Program

Mass Housing is the state's affordable housing bank. They lend money at rates below the conventional market to support affordable rental and home ownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents of Massachusetts. The Home Improvement Loan Program provides funds to make general, non-luxury improvements to your property, which include necessary home modifications.

www.masshousing.com 617-854-1000

Regional Organizations with Home Modification Resources

Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together is a nonprofit organization, using community resources and volunteers to provide free home modifications and repairs for elders and individuals with disabilities.

www.rebuildingtogether.org

The following communities in Massachusetts have local Rebuilding Together chapters:

Boston: 617-971-0058

Worcester: 413-283-6709

Haverhill: 978-469-0800

Federal Agencies with Home Modification Resources

U.S. Housing and Urban Development

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

The Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program is a federally funded program designed to help small cities and towns meet a broad range of community development initiatives.

Some communities may choose to use these funds for home modifications or home repairs. Visit https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs to see if your community receives CDBG funding or contact your city/town's Housing or Community Development Office.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development

Home Improvement Loans and Grants

Low income rural homeowners may receive funds to make substantial home repairs, or to remove health and safety hazards. The Home Repair Program also provides funds to make a home accessible to someone with disabilities. Homeowners 62 years and older are eligible for grants, other low income families and individuals may receive loans at a 1% interest rate. Visit http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/had-rr_loans_grants.html for more information. Or contact the state office at 413-253-4300 a regional office: Western MA 413-585-1000 ext. 4., Central MA and the North Shore 508-829-4477 ext. 4., Southeastern MA, Cape and Islands 508-295-5151.

Department of Veteran's Affairs

VA provides grants to Service members and Veterans with certain permanent and total service-connected disabilities to help purchase or construct an adapted home, or modify an existing home to accommodate a disability. Two grant programs exist: the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant and the Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) grant. For more information call 800-827-1000 or go to website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp>

Homes for Our Troops

Homes for Our Troops is a non-profit, non-partisan, 501 (c)(3) organization founded in 2004. The organization assists severely injured Servicemen and Women and their immediate families by raising donations of money, building materials and professional labor and then coordinating the process of building a new home or adapting an existing home for accessibility.

(Toll free) 1-866-7-TROOPS www.homesforourtroops.org

Disability Specific Organizations

These organizations offer a range of resources and may or may not have resources specifically related to home modifications.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

www.mda.org

Greater Boston - Boston (617) 368-9155

Central Mass. - Westboro (508) 898-3375

Northeast - Beverly (978) 720-2800

Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Chapter

www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/MAM

(800) 344-4467

Spina Bifida Association of Greater New England

www.sbagreaterne.org.

(888) 479-1900

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP)

UCP of the Berkshires

www.ucpberkshire.org

Pittsfield (413) 442-1562

North Adams (413) 664-9345

UCP of Metro Boston

www.ucpboston.org

Watertown (617)-926-5480

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association of MA

www.als-ma.org

781-255-8884 or 888-287-3257

American Heart and Stroke Association

www.americanheart.org 781-373-4500

www.strokeassociation.org

American Parkinson's Disease Association

www.apdama.org/wcms

617-638-8466

Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts

www.biama.org

508-475-0032 Or 800-242-0030

Federation for Children with Special Needs

www.fcsn.org

(617) 236-7210 or 800-331-0688

Civic and Religious Organizations

There are many civic and religious organizations that provide help to individuals on a wide variety of issues. You should reach out to friends, neighbors and town officials in your community to see what might be available in your community. Some examples of these kinds of organizations include:

Elks, Knights of Columbus, Shriner's, Lion's, Rotary, Masons Grand Lodge