

Home Modification  
and Repairs for Older  
Adults and Persons  
with Disabilities

A SELECT INVENTORY OF  
AREA AGENCY ON  
AGING ACTIVITIES

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Designed to illuminate the range of home modification and repair activities conducted by Area Agencies on Aging across the United States, this compilation may be used to inform professionals, providers, and policymakers of programs and funding sources in their regions, and the activities of other communities for possible replication. Each listing contains home modification activity descriptions and web sites as of May 2022.

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## Background

The home environment plays a critical role in adults' ability to stay in their homes and communities as they age, commonly referred to as aging in place. However, numerous barriers challenge older adults' and caregivers' ability to access home assessment, modification, and repair services. In response, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) funded the University of Southern California (USC) Leonard Davis School of Gerontology to implement the project, "Promoting Aging in Place by Enhancing Access to Home Modifications." With a focus on the aging network, its goal is to address barriers to home modification service delivery by increasing the availability and awareness of home modification at the national, state, and local levels to support aging in place.

In the last decade, home modification and repairs have risen on the public agenda. The home environment is increasingly included in discussions about health in later life, underscoring its importance in aging in place. By 2060, the 65+ population is projected to nearly double from 49 million in 2016 to 98 million (Administration for Community Living, 2018). The overwhelming preference of older adults is to stay in their homes for as long as possible (AARP, 2012). Aging in place maintains access to resources, social connections, and supports independence (Pynoos et al., 2006).

With aging populations and cost constraints, state home and community-based care systems are challenged to provide home modification and repairs that support older adults at home. These services are funded and administered at local, state, and national levels by disparate government agencies, yet state level agencies' roles in maximizing access to home modifications and repairs have not been well understood. This document compiles select results from a broader environmental scan which sought to develop a knowledge base of home modification and repair activities and programs for older adults and persons with disabilities by the Aging Network.

Primary and secondary data were collected about state and local home modification and repair activities, including types of services provided, eligibility criteria, funding sources, and policies. Examples of data sources include, but are not limited to: surveys of State Units on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging to ascertain efforts in home modification and repair (reports: [State Units on Aging Efforts in Home Modification](#) and [Area Agencies on Aging Efforts in Home Modification and Repair](#)) and reviews of local home modification efforts of Area Agencies on Aging.

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# ALABAMA

## CENTRAL ALABAMA AGING CONSORTIUM

### Matter of Balance

<https://centralalabamaaging.org/services/>

Program Description: A Matter of Balance is a program designed for older adults living in the community. It provides education on reducing one's fear of falling and improve activity levels of older adults in their communities, including how to safely navigate their home environment.

## SOUTHERN ALABAMA REGIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING

### Neighbors for Seniors Program

<https://sarcoa.org/neighbors-for-seniors/>

Program Description: The Neighbors for Seniors program helps older adults with minor safety and critical health-related home repairs. Community volunteers are used for funding and labor to complete the projects. Neighbors for Seniors assists older adults and individuals with disabilities who are on a low fixed income with home safety improvements and health critical home repairs. Southern Alabama Regional Council on Aging (SARCOA) connects clients with groups and individuals who donate time, skills and money to complete the needed home projects.

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# ARIZONA

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### PIMA COUNCIL ON AGING

#### Home Repair Program

<https://www.pcoa.org/ways-we-help/home-repair-adaptation.html/>

Program Description: The Pima Council on Aging's Home Repair program offers minor home repairs including installation of grab bars, ramps, and shower chairs.

### PINAL/GILA COUNCIL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

#### Home Repair Program

<https://www.pgcsc.org/service-locator/home-repair.html>

Program Description: The home repair program aims to help older adults live safe and independent lives in their homes. They provide home adaptations, such as installation of grab bars and ramps, structural repairs, and modifications.

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# CALIFORNIA

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### AREA 4 AGENCY ON AGING IN SACRAMENTO

<https://agencyonaging4.org/>

Program Description: The Area 4 Agency on Aging in Sacramento funds a program that provides residential repairs and programs to help keep homes safe, secure, and accessible for frail older adults. Area 4 Agency on Aging provides support to three programs that serve very diverse communities from urban Sacramento to very rural Sierra County and that provide innovative programs utilizing volunteer installers and handymen/women.

#### 1. FREED Center for Independent Living

Program Description: FREED's "Fix It" program directly addresses resident needs by assisting with removing hazards in the home such as securing loose rugs, repairing loose floorboards, stairs, or decking as well as providing assistive devices such as handrails, grab bars for the shower or tub, raised toilet seats, and shower chairs and handheld shower heads.

#### 2. Placer Independent Resource Services (PIRS)

Program Description: Somewhat unique to PIRS is that they will serve the needs of renters with written permission from the property owner. PIRS will do an in-home safety check to insure the homes are safe and as barrier-free as possible.

#### 3. Rebuilding Together Sacramento

Program Description: In order to fill a service gap in the community, this agency targets older adults who live in mobile homes, and often daunting task due to fiberglass showers and very steep entryways.

### AREA 12 AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Minor Home Repair Program

<https://www.area12.org/minor-home-repair/>

Program Description: Their Minor Home Repair Program assists homeowners 60 years of age and older with home repairs and modifications to improve the accessibility, safety, and livability of their

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homes. Available services include grab bar installation, step and hand-rail repairs, barrier-free door handle installation, and minor electrical or plumbing repairs. This service is available at no cost.

## **CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF AGING**

<https://aging.lacity.org/older-adults/wellness-safety/evidence-based-programs>

Program Description: A Matter of Balance is a program designed for older adults living in the community. It provides education on reducing one's fear of falling and improve activity levels of older adults in their communities, including how to safely navigate their home environment.

## **CONTRA COSTA AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

### **Fall Prevention Program**

<https://ehsd.org/elderly-disabled/area-agency-on-aging/>

Program Description: The Fall Prevention Program of the Contra Costa Area Agency on Aging provides occupational therapy assessments and evaluations of the home for older adults, who are at risk of falls and/or being institutionalized due to limitations in the home. The program also provides assistive devices and home modifications that help older adults to remain safely in their homes.

## **NAPA/SOLANO AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

### **Stop Falls Solano and Stop Falls Napa Valley**

<http://aaans.org/>

Program Description: Stop Falls Solano and Stop Falls Napa Valley provide services such as Minor home modifications (e.g., grab bars, raised toilet seats, handheld showers, handrails, lever door handles), Home assessments, Refers to providers (e.g., Home modification program, occupational/physical therapists, funding sources), Raise consumer and/or professional awareness, Advocacy for home modification policies and funding, Participate in task forces/coalitions or planning activities with other agencies, Integrate home modification or repairs within existing home and community-based and/or long-term care programs, Partners with state or local non-profit home modification programs (e.g., Rebuilding Together, Habitat for Humanity, etc....). They are funded by the Older Americans Act Title IIIB, and Special California funding for 2020.

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## **SAN MATEO COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

### **The Fall Prevention Coalition**

<http://www.smcfallprevention.org/>

Program Description: The Fall Prevention Coalition of San Mateo County is a countywide coalition that aims to build and maintain a collaborative network to support fall prevention and resources. It also serves as a clearinghouse for fall prevention activities throughout San Mateo County, including A Matter of Balance class that educates on fall prevention including how to reduce fall risk in the home.

## **SONOMA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

### **A Matter of Balance**

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Human-Services/Adult-and-Aging/Area-Agency-on-Aging/Fall-Prevention-Classes/>

Program Description: A Matter of Balance, an evidence-based fall prevention program, is offered by the Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging. It includes classes focused on falls, fall prevention, fear of falling, and how to reduce fall risk in the home, including through home modifications. Classes are offered throughout Sonoma County.

## **VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

### **Elder Help Program**

<http://rainbowconnectionfrc.weebly.com/elderhelp-program.html>

Program Description: The Elder Help Program (EHP) helps low-income, frail seniors maintain their independence at home by providing free, short-term assistance with activities of daily living. Key program services include emergency aid vouchers for one-time-only food, shelter or warmth assistance; minor home repair/modification or security devices assistance; and transportation assistance, which provides bus tickets and rides to medical appointments.

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# CONNECTICUT

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### AGENCY ON AGING OF SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

#### Home Modification and Repair Services

<https://www.aoascc.org/Services/Support-to-Live-at-Home/Home-Modification-and-Repair-Services/>

Program Description: The Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut provides home modification and repair services to help people stay safe and independent at home. These services include minor home modifications such as installation of handrails and grab bars. Public funds are available to assist with these modifications.

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# FLORIDA

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### AREA AGENCY OF BROWARD COUNTY

#### Minor Home Repairs

<https://www.adrcbroward.org/minor-home-repairs>

Program Description: The Area Agency of Broward County's Minor Home Repair program targets low-income older homeowners over the age of 60. Services include carpentry, plumbing, electrical and other minor repairs that preserve the health and safety of clients.

### AREA AGENCY ON AGING PALM BEACH/TREASURE COAST, INC.

#### A Matter of Balance

<https://www.aaapbtc.org/healthy-living>

Program Description: The Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. offers the evidence-based fall prevention program, A Matter of Balance. This educational program is targeted to older adults who are concerned about falling, have fallen in the past, or have restricted activities due to fear of falling. Topics include conducting safety checks of the home, and the Agency provides a home assessment checklist for participants.

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# GEORGIA

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### COASTAL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### **Ability Solutions Assistive Technology Lab**

<https://www.coastalrc.ga.gov/assistive-tech> Program Description: Coastal Area Agency on Aging, in cooperation with Georgia Tech, houses a technology lab set up like a studio apartment giving individuals the opportunity to try out items designed to make everyday life more manageable. Items are designed to assist people with mobility issues, dementia care, vision loss, communication problems, and hearing loss. Examples of ways to use the devices at home and home modification suggestions are available.

### SOUTHERN GEORGIA AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### **Southern Georgia Regional Commission's Area Agency on Aging**

<http://www.sgrc.us/aaa.html>

Program Description: The Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging only builds wheelchair ramps. It is a state funded in-home service. It is also funded by private pay and fundraising.

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# IDAHO

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### AREA AGENCY ON AGING: SOUTH IDAHO

#### Home Modification Program

[OOA - Chore Services \(csi.edu\)](http://csi.edu)

Program Description: The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging works in conjunction with Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers (IVC) to install safety equipment to reduce the risk of falls in caregivers' homes. They provide funds to IVC to build wheelchair ramps that provide safer access in and out of the home, handrails, and grab bars to reduce the risk of falls.

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# ILLINOIS

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### EGYPTIAN AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Minor Home Modification Program

<http://www.egyptianaaa.org/HomeMods.html>

Program Description: This Minor Home Modification Program of the Egyptian Area Agency on Aging provides house repairs to allow older adults to remain safely and independently in their home. Minor home modifications include wheelchair ramps, bedside commode, tub or shower seat, doorknob device, lever type faucets, and grab bars in the bathroom.

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# INDIANA

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### AREA 10 AGENCY ON AGING

#### **REPAIRS (Reliable Experts Providing Accessibility, Independence, Rehabilitation, and Safety)**

<http://www.area10agency.org/repairs/>

Program Description: The REPAIRS (Reliable Experts Providing Accessibility, Independence, Rehabilitation, and Safety) Team goal is to ensure the independence of the elderly and people with disabilities by providing essential maintenance and construction necessary for them to remain safely in their homes. These repairs include installing grab bars, rails, and minor house repairs.

### CICOA AGING & IN-HOME SOLUTIONS

#### **Safe at Home**

<https://cicoa.org/services/safe-at-home/>

Program Description: This extensive home modification program of the CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions Area Agency on Aging focuses on safety and fall prevention for low-income older adults and people with disabilities in Central Indiana. It includes a home assessment process and creative funding sources to address residents' needs. CICOA case managers refer clients who need home modifications to the Safe at Home Program. Evaluations are conducted before and after the finished modifications. CICOA's Safe at Home service targets the following housing features: non-slip floor surfaces, egress for access to the home with personal mobility products, wider doorways, lever-handle doorknobs and faucets, higher or lower electrical outlets, and improved interior and exterior lighting. Additional home improvements provided by Safe at Home that promote accessibility and prevent falls include: adding grab bars, adding or repairing handrails in stairwells, leveling uneven floors, repairing faulty steps, installing wheelchair ramps, replacing bathtubs with roll-in showers or tub cut outs for easier access, and raising toilets. CICOA also hosts a Safe at Home event, which is an annual, high-impact, half-day of service to homeowners over the age of 60 or to persons of any age with a disability. The event coincides with Fall Prevention Awareness Week in September each year. The Safe at Home program relies on philanthropic funding for 100 percent of its revenue. CICOA continues to seek additional support from foundations, which share a common interest in supporting this target population.

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## LIFETIME RESOURCES

### Aging and Disability Resources

<https://www.lifetime-resources.org/>

Program Description: Lifetime Resources provides services such as Minor home modifications (e.g., grab bars, raised toilet seats, handheld showers, handrails, lever door handles). Major home modifications (e.g., remodel bathrooms, adjust counter/cabinet heights, ramps, elevator/platform or chair lifts, widen doorways, roll-in showers). Raise consumer and/or professional awareness. Advocacy for home modification policies and funding. Integrate home modification or repairs within existing home and community-based and/or long-term care programs. Partners with state or local non-profit home modification programs (e.g., Rebuilding Together, Habitat for Humanity, etc...). They are funded by the Older Americans Act Title IIIB, Older Americans Act Title IIIE, Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver, State Funded In-Home Service Program, Fundraising, and Grant funds.

## SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING (SWIRCA)

### Environmental Modifications and Handy Chore Services

<http://swirca.org/services/>

Program Description: The Southwestern Indiana Regional Council on Aging has two home modification related services: 1) environmental modifications that are necessary to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the individual and enable functioning with greater independence in the home, and without which the individual would require institutionalization; and 2) “Handy Chore” services are minor home maintenance activities that help to ensure an individual’s health and safety in their home. These activities include installation of health and safety equipment such as handrails, ramps, deadbolts, smoke detectors, and locks.

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# KANSAS

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### CENTRAL PLAINS AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Minor Home Repair Program

<https://www.cpaaa.org/services/seniors/aging>

Program Description: The Minor Home Repair Program addresses safety and accessibility issues for qualified residents of Sedgwick, Harvey and Butler counties in Kansas. It operates on state, federal and local funding sources through the Senior Care Act program, Older Americans Act program, and Sedgwick County Mill Levy funds.

### JOHNSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

#### Minor Home Repair Program

<https://www.jocogov.org/departments/housing-services/minor-home-rehabilitation>

Program Description: Johnson County provides home accessibility modifications to homeowners who are in need of grab bars, ramps, railings and more. Funds limited and assessed on a yearly basis. Begin the process by filling out an application on their website. The population served includes homeowners of Johnson County and fall at or below the Median-income HUD requirements.

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# KENTUCKY

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### PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### In-Home Services: Home Repairs

<http://www.peadd.org/aging-independent-living>

Program Description: The Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging provides home repair services that include minor home adaptations and modifications to assist older adults in maintaining their independence and safety at home.

### PURCHASE AREA AGENCY ON AGING & INDEPENDENT LIVING

#### Kentucky Homecare Program

<https://www.purchaseadd.org/individuals/social-services/>

Program Description: The Kentucky Homecare program provides minor home adaptations, modifications, and repairs to ensure safety and facilitate mobility for seniors.

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# LOUISIANA

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### COUNCIL ON AGING: SAINT TAMMANY (COAST)

#### Minor Home Repairs

<http://coastseniors.org/>

Program Description: COAST (Council on Aging St. Tammany) provides minor home repair services for seniors who do not have other ways in obtaining the repairs.

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# MAINE

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### CENTRAL MAINE AREA AGENCY ON AGING/SPECTRUM GENERATIONS

#### Home Safety Assessment Service

<http://www.spectrumgenerations.org/home-safety-assessments>

Program Description: The Home Safety Assessment Service of the Central Maine Area Agency on Aging provides home assessments which include a detailed review of a consumer's home (all livable space, storage, basement, garage and grounds surrounding the home). A report results in a written home assessment of simple home changes, products to aid safety, and modification specialist resources. A fee of \$125 is charged for the assessment and report.

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# MARYLAND

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### FREDERICK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING IN FREDERICK, MD

#### **Maryland Wholehome-- Accessible Homes for Seniors**

<https://frederickcountymd.gov/6832/MAP-Maryland-Access-Point>

Program Description: Accessed through Maryland Access Point of Frederick County (MAP), The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), in partnership with the Maryland Department of Aging (MDoA) – there is an application process for a loan for home modification/accessibility improvements.

### HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING AND INDEPENDENCE

#### **Community Living Program: Home Modification and Repair Program**

[Community Living Program | Howard County \(howardcountymd.gov\)](https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Community-Living-Program)

Program Description: The Home Modification and Repair Program of the Howard County Office on Aging and Independence promotes safety and well-being for older adults in Howard County. The program enables a group of professional partners to provide consultation, along with home modification, repair, and retrofit services to qualified residents who want to remain in their own homes. Many services are offered free or at a reduced cost. Special features include a free consultation with an Occupational Therapist and/or Occupational Therapy student and a free home safety assessment and provision of durable medical equipment for those who qualify financially and functionally. Funding sources for this program include Older Americans Act Title IIIB and Local General and Millage Funds. Services provided include: minor home modifications (e.g., grab bars, raised toilet seats, handheld showers, handrails, lever door handles, lighting, improvements to doorways or other access areas, exterior work); home assessments; raising consumer and/or professional awareness; and partnering with state or local non-profit home modification programs (e.g., Rebuilding Together, Habitat for Humanity).

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## **WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING IN HAGERSTOWN, MD**

### **Home Repair (CDBG) / Ramps Service**

<http://www.wccoaging.org/>

Program Description: Assists elderly homeowners within Hagerstown city limits with necessary maintenance and repairs. This assistance enables clients to continue living in their own homes since many elderly homeowners are financially or physically unable to assume the responsibility of repairs or maintenance. Ramp referrals are made through Maryland Access Point (MAP) for those needing ramp access to their homes.

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# MASSACHUSETTS

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### BOSTON COMMISSION ON AFFAIRS OF THE ELDERLY IN BOSTON, MA

#### Senior Home Repair

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/age-strong-commission>

Program Description: The agency visits the homes of potential clients to determine the types of repairs needed. They also help individuals apply to the City's Senior Home Repair Program. The Boston Home Center also helps estimate the cost of repairs and prioritizes emergency repairs needed.

### MINUTEMAN SENIOR SERVICES: AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Home Safe Home: Home Safety Assessment

<https://www.minutemansenior.org/our-services/minuteman-by-your-side/home-safe-home>

Program Description: Minuteman Senior Services, an Area Agency on Aging, offers personalized assessments and interviews by a 'Minuteman by Your Side Care Manger' to assess circumstances or concerns in the home. For a flat fee of \$195, a detailed evaluation of the home is carried out to identify areas that present accident or fall risks. Areas assessed include: the exterior entrances and exits, interior doors, stairs and halls, bathrooms, kitchens and dining rooms, living rooms, and bedrooms.

### SOMERVILLE-CAMBRIDGE ELDER SERVICES IN SOMERVILLE, MA

#### In-Home Support

<https://eldercare.org/>

Program Description: Home Care and Senior Care Options/One Care Services staff identify unmet needs and coordinate services to help individuals remain safely at home. Services may include "Home Safety Adaptations."

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# MICHIGAN

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### AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B IN SOUTHFIELD, MI

#### Moving From the Nursing Home Program

<https://aaa1b.org/>

Program Description: The AAA 1-B's Nursing Facility Transition team members visits individual in nursing homes to create a transition plan to the community. A plan is generated that helps to eliminate barriers and ensure a smooth transition to living safely and independently in a home setting. Home modifications are included in the process, as needed.

### AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN IN TRAVERSE CITY, MI

#### Moving From a Nursing Home Program

<http://www.aaanm.org/>

Program Description: The program conducts an assessment of what may be required to make the home environment supportive through home modification.

### BAY COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING

#### HandyMan Program

<https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/aging/>

Program Description: The Bay County Department on Aging offers a Handyman Program that includes "light" home repairs. A fee is determined based on income and recipients are responsible for the cost of all materials. Home repairs requiring a permit or a licensed professional are not eligible.

### DETROIT AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### A Matter of Balance: Fall Prevention

<https://www.detroitseiorsolution.org/a-matter-of-balance>

Program Description: The Detroit Area Agency on Aging offers the evidence-based program, A Matter of Balance, which focuses on reducing the fear of falling and increasing the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling. The program is led by two trained facilitators and consists of

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8 two-hour sessions over four weeks. It includes the opportunity to learn about how to make the home safer to avoid falls.

## **GRATIOT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

### **Minor Home Repair Service**

<https://www.gratiotmi.com/184/Commission-on-Aging-Services>

Program Description: The Minor Home Repair Service of the Gratiot County Commission on Aging provides a home maintenance service focused on extending the life of an owner-occupied home and helping to maintain minimum health and safety standards. Clients pay for the materials. Services may include: minor roof repair, window repair, correct faulty plumbing, repair stairs, install or repair railings, and building wheelchair ramps as needed.

## **MIDLAND COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES**

### **HandyMan Service**

<https://www.seniorservicesmidland.org/services/handyman/>

Program Description: Midland County's Senior Services offers a HandyMan Service for older adults residing in the county. A volunteer team helps older adults maintain their homes by making them safe and secure. Services are free but donations are requested. A handyman team may provide the following services: securing exterior doors, windows and screens; repairing lights and improving exterior areas of the home to ensure safety; addressing slip hazards inside the home; ensuring secure stairs and handrails; and installing grab bars and raised toilet seats.

## **REGION 2 AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

### **Home Safety Assessments**

<https://r2aaa.net/home-safety-assessments>

Program Description: The Region 2 Area Agency on Aging has a Home Safety Assessments program that examines safety issues inside and outside of the house for individuals in the community. The assessments are conducted by a home safety specialist and a report is provided with recommended modifications. The Information and Referral staff identifies resources to assist with any home modifications or repairs.

## **REGION 9 AREA AGENCY ON AGING IN ALPENA, MI**

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**Care Management Program**

<https://www.nemcsa.org/services/senior-services/region-9-area-agency-on-aging.html>

Program Description: Services include an evaluation of individual needs and circumstances; assessing health, emotional, social, financial and environmental conditions; and finding supportive services.

**UPPER PENINSULA AREA AGENCY ON AGING IN ESCANABA, MI****UPCAP Care Management**

<http://upcap.org/>

Program Description: Services in the Long-Term Care Plan provided can include Home Modifications (accessibility)

**VALLEY AREA AGENCY ON AGING IN FLINT, MI****Home Injury Control**

<https://valleyareaaging.org/living-at-home/>

Program Description: Home Injury Control/Assistive Devices/ Personal Emergency Response Units are programs for seniors that assess the need for devices to ensure safety and prevent falls and injuries in the homes.

# MINNESOTA

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### MINNESOTA INDIAN AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Live Well at Home Program

[https://www.mnchippewatribe.org/elder\\_services.html](https://www.mnchippewatribe.org/elder_services.html)

Program Description: As a designated Area Agency on Aging providing services to older adults 60 years of age and older, caregivers, and grandparents/relatives raising relative children within the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe communities of Bois Forte, Grand Portage, Leech Lake and White Earth reservations, the Minnesota Indian Area Agency on Aging administers the state funded Live Well at Home Program which includes environmental accessibility modifications. It also has a Fall Prevention Program with A Matter of Balance Program which also addresses home safety.

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# MISSISSIPPI

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### GOLDEN TRIANGLE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT/AREA

#### AGENCY ON AGING IN STARKVILLE, MS

##### **Bridge to Independence Program**

[http://www.gtpdd.com/aging/bridge\\_to\\_independence](http://www.gtpdd.com/aging/bridge_to_independence)

Program Description: The Bridge to Independence Program is a federal grant funded program that aims to help residents of assisted living plan for a transition from a facility to a home in the community. Included in this program is a one-time financial assistance in environmental accessibility adaptation for their home.

### THREE RIVERS AREA AGENCY ON AGING IN PONTOTOC, MS

##### **Bridge to Independence Program**

<http://trpdd.com/aging/>

Program Description: The Bridge to Independence Program is a federal grant funded program that aims to help residents of assisted living plan for a transition from a facility to a home in the community. Included in this program is a one-time financial assistance in environmental accessibility adaptation for their home.

# MISSOURI

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### CARE CONNECTION FOR AGING SERVICES: AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Family Caregiver Support

<https://goaging.org/services/support-services/family-caregiver-support/>

Program Description: Through its Family Caregiver Support Program, Care Connection for Aging Services provides family caregivers with help installing grab bars, ramps, and other assistive devices to support the caregiving experience.

### MID-EAST AREA AGENCY ON AGING IN BALLWIN, MO

#### Family Caregiver Support Program

<https://www.agingahead.org/what-we-do/community-outreach/>

Program Description: Aging Ahead, the Mid-East Area Agency on Aging, provides a Family Caregiver Support Program wherein caregivers are given information on minor home modifications to support the caregiving process.

### SENIORAGE: AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Home Safety Program

<https://senioragemo.org/in-home-services/home-safety/>

Program Description: Senior Age's Home Safety Program includes home modifications such as the installation of grab bars and handrails, hand-held showers, toilet risers, shower seats, and safety pendants that help with emergency situations. The Agency also helps with arranging a contracted handyman for repairs.

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# NEBRASKA

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### AGING PARTNERS AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Handy Home Services Program

[Handy Home Services, Lifeline and Durable Medical Equipment – City of Lincoln, NE](#)

Program Description: The Aging Partners Area Agency on Aging’s Home Handyman program offers home maintenance and minor house repairs on a sliding fee scale to persons aged 60 and older. Providers are retirees who have worked in home repairs for many years. Services include non-permit work such as carpentry, electrical and plumbing repairs, gutter cleaning, heavy housework, mowing and yard work, window and screen repairs, and snow removal.

### BLUE RIVERS AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Handyman and Housekeeper Service

<https://www.braaa.org/handyman-housekeeper>

Program Description: The Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging has a Handyman Program to assist older individuals with remaining independent in their homes. Besides upkeep and repair services, safety modifications may include installing grab bars, handrails, and ramps.

### NORTHEAST NEBRASKA AREA AGENCY ON AGING IN NORFOLK, NE

#### In-home Chore Grant Program

<https://www.nenaaa.com/finding-care-for-an-elder/in-home-grant-program/>

Program Description: The In-Home Chore Grant Program assists with housekeeping services, minor repairs, and basic home maintenance for frail older adults.

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# NEW JERSEY

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### ATLANTIC COUNTY DIVISION OF INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES IN

#### NORTHFIELD, NJ

##### Fix-It Program

<https://www.atlantic-county.org/human-services/aging-services.asp>

Program Description: The Fix-It Program is available to seniors 60 or older and are in need of handrails and minor home repairs, to allow them to remain safely living at home.

### BURLINGTON COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

##### Residential Maintenance Program

<http://co.burlington.nj.us/DocumentCenter/View/10010/2019-AAA-ADRC-Brochure-PDF>

Program Description: The Residential Maintenance Program of the Burlington County Office on Aging provides supportive services to at-risk residents aged 60 and older to support their health and safety. Services are provided by the Burlington County Sheriff's Department and can include replacing door locks, minor home repairs, and housing improvements.

### ESSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES IN EAST ORANGE, NJ

##### Department of Citizen Services - Division of Senior Services

<https://essexcountynj.org/senior-services/>

Program Description: The agency offers home modifications such ramps and minor house repairs for seniors.

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## **HUNTERDON COUNTY DIVISION OF SENIOR, DISABILITIES & VETERANS SERVICES**

### **Mr. Fix-It Program**

<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging/mrfixit.htm>

Program Description: The Mr. Fix-it Program of the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities, and Veterans Services is a volunteer program that provides home maintenance and repair services to residents of Hunterdon County who are age 60 and older. The program's goal is to ensure the health and safety of older adults. It includes minor plumbing, electrical, weatherization, safety and security, and household services. This program is funded by the Older Americans Act Title III and County Funds.

## **MERCER COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING IN TRENTON, NJ**

### **Helping Hands for Seniors Program**

<http://www.mercercounty.org/home/showdocument?id=952>

Program Description: The purpose of the Helping Hands for Seniors Program is to assist older adults with the maintenance, repair, and modification of their home by providing technical and financial assistance.

## **WARREN COUNTY DIVISION OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES IN BELVIDERE, NJ**

### **Domestic Chore Service**

<https://www.warrencountynj.gov/government/human-services/division-of-aging-and-disability-services/domestic-chore-services>

Program Description: Chore Corps Program volunteers provide minor safety or health related home repairs for Warren County residents over 60.

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# NEW MEXICO

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR AFFAIRS: AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Home Services Program

<https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/senior-services/home-services>

Program Description: The Home Services Program of the Albuquerque Area Agency on Aging provides individuals who are age 60 and older and live in Bernalillo County with a variety of home chores, minor home repair and home retrofit services. Services include annual yard cleaning, grab bars and other safety equipment installation, walker-steps or wheelchair ramp design and build-out.

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# NEW YORK

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### CAYUGA COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING IN AUBURN, NY

#### Home Repair Programs

<http://www.cayugacounty.us/597/Housing-Concerns>

Program Description: The agency has access to grants, low-interest loans, and cost-sharing programs to assist eligible households with home repairs in some localities. These home repair programs are operated by Cayuga County Homesite. They help with necessary home repairs, maintenance, and improvements.

### CORTLAND COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Handyman Program

<https://www.cortland-co.org/607/Homebound-Services-Supports>

Program Description: The Cortland County Area Agency on Aging's Handyman Program provides minor home repairs and installs safety devices and equipment for income eligible homeowners aged 60 years and older. They also have the "Make A Ramp" Program in which they purchase and own modular aluminum ramp systems that can be installed for short-term or long-term use for individuals aged 60 and older.

### GENESEE COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING

#### Handyman Program

#### Weatherization Program

[https://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/office\\_for\\_the\\_aging/housing.php](https://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/office_for_the_aging/housing.php)

Program Description: The Handyman Program of the Genesee County Office on Aging provides older residents with minor electrical and plumbing repairs, installs safety devices or modifications, changes light bulbs, and repairs windows and screens. This program is funded by the Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging in Genesee County.

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## SENECA NATION AREA OFFICE OF THE AGING IN IRVING, NY

### Office of Aging Services

<https://www.co.seneca.ny.us/gov/community/office-aging/>

Program Description: Among the many services provided, minor home repairs are offered.

## NORTH CAROLINA

### A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL ON OLDER ADULTS

### Home Improvement Program

<http://www.ccccoa.org/homeimprovementprogram/>

Program Description: The Home Improvement Program of the Cumberland County Council on Older Adults installs security features and carries out minor home repairs and mobility and accessibility modifications to increase the safety of older adults' homes.

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# OHIO

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### AREA AGENCY ON AGING 8, BUCKEYE HILLS

#### Home Accessibility Modifications and Minor Home Repair Program

<https://buckeyehills.org/home-accessibility>

Program Description: The Buckeye Hills Area Agency on Aging offers the Home Accessibility Modifications and Minor Home Repair Program for adults aged 60 and older and individuals under age 60 with a disability in need of accessibility repairs. Home modifications include building wheelchair ramps, replacing tubs for showers, and installing grab bars and handrails. Minor home repairs are limited to small problem areas within the home.

### AREA AGENCY ON AGING DISTRICT 7, INC.

#### Home Repair Program

[https://www.aaa7.org/site/445/home\\_repair\\_program.aspx](https://www.aaa7.org/site/445/home_repair_program.aspx)

Program Description: The Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. offers its Home Repair Program to eligible older adults in their ten-county region. The program is funded by the Ohio Department of Development Housing Trust Fund Housing Assistance Grant Program and the State of Ohio Senior Community Services Program. Services include installing ramps to improve accessibility, kitchen and bathroom modifications, and housing repairs.

### AREA OFFICE ON AGING OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO

#### Home Repair Program

<https://areaofficeonaging.com/programs>

Program Description: The Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio Housing Department provides this Home Repair Program to assist homeowners living in their own homes who are 60 years or older living on fixed incomes in Northwestern Ohio. Safety and home preservation needs are addressed, and home modifications are provided that help older persons live independently and comfortably in their homes.

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## CLEVELAND DEPARTMENT OF AGING

### Senior Homeowner Assistance Program (SHAP)

<https://www.clevelandohio.gov/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/Aging/HomeMaintenance#:~:text=SHAP%20provides%20grants%20to%20Cleveland,able%20to%20show%20clear%20title>

Program Description: The Senior Homeowner Assistance Program provides grants to residents 60 years and older or residents with disabilities who meet income eligibility guidelines and own their home. The home must be in critical need of health, safety and maintenance repairs (e.g., installation of a ramp or repair and replacing front and rear and major electrical or plumbing work). This program is offered through the Cleveland Department of Community Development and Cleveland Department of Aging. It is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and requires the calculation of gross annual income and income from assets to determine income eligibility for the program (35% of area median income).

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# PENNSYLVANIA

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### AGING SERVICES, INC.

#### Home Repairs Program

<http://agingservicesinc.com/services.html>

Program Description: Aging Services, Inc provides environmental modifications to help older adults continue living in their own homes. The goal is to improve the safety, sanitation, and adaptability of the home.

### ALLEGHENY COUNTY OFFICE OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

#### Residential Visitability Design Tax Credit Program

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/real-estate/abatements-exemptions/act-132.aspx>

Program Description: The Residential Visitability Design Tax Credit program allows for local tax credits as incentives to foster new construction or renovation projects that create access for people with disabilities in residential housing.

### CLARION COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Home Services – Environmental Modifications

<https://www.clarionaging.com>

Program Description: The Clarion County Area Agency on Aging assists with facilitating environmental modifications in older adults' own home and improving safety, sanitation and adaptability of the home. The need for modification is determined by the care manager and Rehabilitation Specialist.

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGING AND ADULT SERVICES

#### Family Caregiver Support Program

<https://www.montcopa.org/2837/Family-Caregiver-Support-Program>

Program Description: This program provides individuals who are caring for someone age 60 or older a one-time grant of up to \$2,000 to modify the home, to purchase assistive devices or to accommodate

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the frail relative. These adaptations include installing a stair glide, wheelchair ramp, or modifying a bathroom.

## **PHILADELPHIA CORPORATION FOR AGING**

### **Minor and Major Home Modification Programs**

<https://www.pcacares.org/services-for-seniors/housing-resources/>

Program Description: The Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) Inc., the third largest Area Agency on Aging in the country, administers several home modification and repair programs. PCA's history, reputation, and commitment to home modification for several decades has made it possible to develop programs with specific target populations and different types of services all under the auspices of one agency.

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# TEXAS

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF THE SOUTH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

#### Residential Repairs

<https://stdc.cog.tx.us/area-agency-on-aging/>

Program Description: The Residential Repairs program of the Area Agency on Aging of the South Texas Development Council offers repairs or modifications of dwellings occupied by older individuals that are essential for the health and safety of the occupant(s).

#### Braos Valley Area Agency on Aging Home Repairs Program

<http://bvcog.org/>

Program Description: BVAAA Home Repairs Program provides services such as minor home modifications (e.g., grab bars, raised toilet seats, handheld showers, handrails, lever door handles), major home modifications (e.g., remodel bathrooms, adjust counter/cabinet heights, ramps, elevator/platform or chair lifts, widen doorways, roll-in showers), and repairs (e.g., roofing, electrical, carpeting/floors, stair repairs). It raises consumer and/or professional awareness.

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF GREATER DALLAS INC., DALLAS AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Care Coordination Program

<https://www.ccadvance.org/seniors>

Program Description: Care Coordination program works to assist older adult clients with difficult or multiple problems. Services include Minor Home Repair; also included for caregivers.

### HEART OF TEXAS AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Care Coordination Program

<https://www.hotcog.org/health-and-human-services/area-agency-on-aging>

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Program Description: In this program, a case manager works with contracted providers to arrange home repairs and modifications that improve the home's accessibility, structure, safety and weatherization for low-income homeowners ages 60 years and older living in unsafe and/or unhealthy environments.

## **SOUTH PLAINS ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

### **Care Coordination Program**

<https://www.spag.org/programs-services/area-agency-on-aging/care-coordination-program/>

Program Description: The Care Coordination program provides assistance to senior citizens 60 years and older who are in need of services that include minor residential repair, emergency response services, eye exams and eyeglasses, hearing aids, prescription medications, limited dental services and durable medical equipment such as walkers, and lift chairs.

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# UTAH

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### WEBER-MORGAN AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### The Alternatives Program

<https://www.weberhsaging.net/in-home-care>

Program Description: The Alternatives Program of the Weber-Morgan Area Agency on Aging offers home and community-based services to help aging adults avoid premature institutionalization. Services may include home modifications. This program targets individuals aged 60 and older; however, 25% of clients can be between the ages of 18-59. Eligibility is based on income and assets along with the present and imminent risk of nursing home placement. A small fee is required based on income and assets.

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# VIRGINIA

## A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

### APPALACHIAN AGENCY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN CEDAR BLUFF

#### Emergency Home Repair Program

<http://www.aasc.org/services/homerepair.html>

Program Description: The Emergency Home Repair Program seeks to enhance housing occupied by low-income persons through limited repairs and the removal of imminent health and safety hazards and/or barriers to habitability in their homes. Appalachian Agency's Senior Living Community also provides safe and affordable housing for older adults and adults with disabilities living in rural areas. This includes renovated, accessible homes that are owned by the agency in a local mobile home park that are reserved for low-income older adults with at-risk criteria such as health issues, homelessness or extreme isolation.

### BAY AGING AREA AGENCY ON AGING

#### Bay Housing Division

<https://bayaging.org/housing/>

Program Description: Bay Aging Area Agency on Aging's Bay Housing Division provides housing services to older adults including emergency home repairs, weatherization services, indoor plumbing rehabilitation, reconstruction, and rehabilitating homes of low-income homeowners via Community Development Block Grants.

### CENTRAL VIRGINIA ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY LIVING (AREA AGENCY ON AGING)

#### Emergency Home Accessibility and Repair Program (EHARP) and Residential Repair Program

<https://www.cvacl.org/services/housing>

Program Description: The Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living has two home modification and repair programs. The Emergency Home Accessibility and Repair Program (EHARP) provides funding to repair urgent structural damage, remove and remedy health and safety hazards, and

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provide physical accessibility improvements for low-income Virginians. Homeowners and renters are eligible for the maximum assistance of \$4,000. Repairs may involve plumbing, structure, electrical, and HVAC. Installation of wheelchair ramps, shower grab bars and other accessibility modifications are available as well. The Residential Repair Program assists qualified homeowners and renters with structural and accessibility repairs (e.g., electrical, plumbing, heating/cooling, high-rise toilet installations, grab bars, ramps, and water heating systems).

## **DISTRICT THREE SENIOR SERVICES**

### **Chore & Residential Repair Services**

<https://district-three.org/index.php/chore-residential-repair-services/>

Program Description: Chore & Residential Repair Services are targeted to persons 60 years of age and older who are frail, have disabilities, or who live in isolated areas, with particular attention to those with greatest economic and social need, low-income minority individuals, and individuals with limited English proficiency.

## **MOUNTAIN EMPIRE OLDER CITIZENS, INC.**

### **Faith Works**

<https://meoc.org/in-home-support/>

Program Description: Faith Works, a collaborative effort involving the faith community and the Area Agency on Aging, Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. (MEOC), addresses needed home repairs and modifications for low-income older people who have no other place to turn for help. The program increases the safety and accessibility of homes to reduce the need to move to a more restrictive institutional setting. MEOC care coordinators provide referrals to local congregations and to mission teams from all over the country. Labor and supervision are donated by volunteers from the faith community who frequently also provide funds for materials.

## **VALLEY PROGRAM FOR AGING SERVICES**

### **Home Renovation and Repair Program**

<https://www.vpas.info/>

Program Description: In partnership with the local non-profit, Rebuilding Together, this Home Renovation and Repair program has case managers who handle phone requests for assistance from older adults, caregivers, professionals, and others. Requests may include information about home modifications in general, in-home assessments, and recommendations on how to meet an older

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adult's home modification needs. Funding sources include Older Americans Act Title IIIB, Older Americans Act Title III E, and a state funded In-Home Service Program. Services provided include home assessments, minor home modifications (e.g., grab bars, raised toilet seats, handheld showers, handrails, lever door handles), major home modifications (e.g., remodel bathrooms, adjust counter/cabinet heights, ramps, elevator/platform or chair lifts, widen doorways, roll-in showers), and repairs (e.g., roofing, electrical, carpeting/floors, stair repairs).

## WASHINGTON

### A Select Profile of Home Modification-Related Activities

#### AGING & LONG-TERM CARE OF EASTERN WASHINGTON

##### Minor Home Repair Services

<https://www.altcew.org/home-community-support-services/>

Program Description: Minor Home Repair services consist of repairs or modifications to client-occupied structures which are essential for the health and safety of older occupants. There is a limit of \$1,000 of repairs per year for state-funded service or \$150 for federal-funded service. The target population is persons 60 and over.

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