

# **Funding Sources for Home Modification: Delaware**

This document contains a list of possible funding sources for home modification using the following categories:

- Aging and Disability
- Healthcare/Insurance
- Housing and Community Development
- Lending
- Social and Vocational
- Tax Sources

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Resource	Description	Target Population *may diffe
	AGING AND DISABILITY	
Administration on Aging (AoA) Title III-B Services and Title III-E Program for local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) Division Of Services For Aging And Adults With Physical Disabilities (State Unit on Aging) https://dhss.delaware.gov/dsaapd/ Find the address and phone number of the AAA covering your area using the Eldercare Locator link, https://eldercare.acl.gov/, or call (800) 677-1116.	The Older Americans Act provides funds via the AoA to State Departments or Units on Aging and then to Area Agencies on Aging for community services, which may include home assessments and modifications.	Target Populations• Homeowners• Renters• Landlords• Those with low ir• Older adults• People with disa
Assistive Technology, U.S. Department of Education/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative (DATI) https://www.cds.udel.edu/at/dati/	Since 1988, the federal "Technology-Related Services for Individuals with Disabilities Act" provides grants to set up and operate state-level Assistive Technology Programs, many of which provide home modifications or partner with lenders that provide loan funds.	Target Populations• Homeowners• Renters• People with disa



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Centers for Independent Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)         Delaware Centers for Independent Living <u>https://www.ilru.org/projects/cil-net/cil-center-and-association-directory-results/DE</u> Veterans Housing Grants and Rehabilitation and	These nonprofits, funded with federal vocational rehabilitation funds, provide advocacy, skills training, counseling, information and referral and other assistance that enhances community living for persons with disabilities. Some provide grants and loans for home modification.	Target Populations• Homeowners• Renters• Those with low i• Older adults• People with disaTarget Populations
<ul> <li>Prosthetic Services, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</li> <li>Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grant and Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) Grant http://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp</li> <li>Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA) Grant http://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp</li> <li>Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) Grant http://www.prosthetics.va.gov/psas/HISA2.asp</li> <li>To determine eligibility or connect with local SHA, SAH, or HISA grant administrations, visit https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp or call VA toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.</li> <li>Need more information or have questions? Contact a Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) staff member via email at sahinfo.vbaco@va.gov or by phone at (877) 827-3702.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SHA provides up to \$18,074 (2020) to adapt the home of a Veteran or of a family member with whom the Veteran lives, or to help purchase a home for modification or one already adapted.</li> <li>TRA provides a temporary grant of up to \$37,597 (SAH) and up to \$6,713 (SHA).</li> <li>HISA funds medically necessary accessibility improvements to entrances, bathrooms, and kitchens; providing Veterans with service-related disabilities up to \$6,800 and Veterans with non-service related disabilities up to \$2,000.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Homeowners</li> <li>Renters</li> <li>People with disa</li> <li>SAH and SHA Eligibilit with a permanent service details.</li> <li>TRA Eligibility: For Ver will be temporarily reside member.</li> <li>HISA Eligibility: See with the service of the</li></ul>
Vocational Rehabilitation, U.S. Department of Education/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Delaware Division of Vocational Rehabilitation https://dvr.delawareworks.com/	The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), part of the U.S. Department of Education, provides "Part A" funds to state rehabilitation agencies for assistive devices or home modifications for individuals with a vocational objective. These funds are then made available through: 1) the state's rehabilitation services agency network; or 2) a vocational rehabilitation agency; or 3) local independent living centers. <b>HEALTH CARE/INSURANCE SOURCES</b>	<ul> <li>Target Populations</li> <li>Homeowners</li> <li>Renters</li> <li>Landlords</li> <li>Those with low it</li> <li>People with disa</li> </ul>
Insurance: 1. Health (e.g., Medicare) and Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) 2. Long-Term Care	<ul> <li>These types of insurance programs can potentially cover home modification but with great variation.</li> <li>1. Health insurers, including some HMOs, may consider home modifications as part of a comprehensive package of resources for prevention. Medicare does not cover home modification but will</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Target Populations</li><li>Homeowners</li><li>Renters</li></ul>

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3. Life	<ul> <li>cover some related durable medical equipment, however, as of 2018, Medicare Advantage programs have the option of covering basic home modifications as part of the Supplemental benefits.</li> <li>2. Long-Term Care plans may have home modification-related coverage in a rider paid in addition to basic premiums.</li> <li>3. Life insurance premiums can sometimes be borrowed against to fund home modifications.</li> </ul>	How to Access: Contaryour insurance is provid
Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) WaiversThe Centers for Medicare and Medicaid provides profiles of each state's waivers. For summaries of your state's waivers that include home modification, visit:Delaware Department of Insurance Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dmma/Delaware Medicaid HCBS Waiver summaries https://homemods.org/directory-state-profile/de/	States can apply to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a specific target population of recipients (e.g., older adults) to be assisted by "waiving" the regulations otherwise requiring expenditures in hospital/institutional settings. These "Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers" authorized by Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, may include "environmental modification."	<ul> <li>Target Populations</li> <li>Those with low in with chronic cond</li> </ul>
Money Follows the Person Program         https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/ltss/money-follows-the-per         son/index.html         Delaware Money Follows the Person Program         https://dhss.delaware.gov/dmma/	"Money Follows the Person" (MFP) is a federal program that helps with the nursing home to community transition. Services and activities are unique to each MFP program.	Target Populations ● Individuals with c
Social Security <ul> <li>Plan for Achieving Self-Support <ul> <li>https://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/pass.htm</li> </ul> </li> <li>Impairment-Related Work Expenses <ul> <li>https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-work-expens</li> <li>es.htm</li> <li>Phone (800) 772–1213</li> <li>TTY: 1–800–325–0778</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plan For Achieving Self Support (PASS) Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a major program of the Social Security Administration, provides income for extremely low-income persons who have a disability, and can be used for modifications to a home for achieving greater independence.</li> <li>Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE) can be used by Social Security Disability (SSDI) and SSI recipients for costs for home modifications, equipment and assistive technology and are deducted from the earnings used to calculate benefit payments (this means benefits are reduced less than they otherwise would be because a lower earnings figure is used). These costs may also be deductible from personal income taxes.</li> </ul>	Target Populations         • Homeowners         • Renters         • Those with extrem         • People with disated
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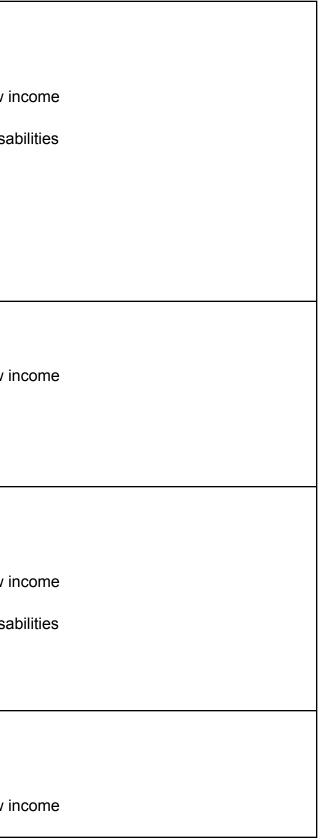
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Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) • CDBG Entitlement Program	CDBG is a funding stream allocated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to state and local governments to support housing, community, and economic development needs including home repair/improvement.	Target Populations• Homeowners• Renters• Landlords
<ul> <li>https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-entitle ment/</li> <li>State CDBG Program https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-state/</li> <li>Find your local CDBG Grantees here: Local Grantees by State</li> </ul>	The <b>CDBG Entitlement Program</b> provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Under the <b>State CDBG Program</b> , states award grants to smaller units of general local government that develop and preserve decent affordable housing and provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities. Annually, each State develops funding priorities based on need and criteria for selecting projects.	<ul> <li>Those with low in</li> <li>Older adults</li> <li>People with disa</li> </ul>
HOME Program, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home To learn who offers HOME in your area, use the "Find A Grantee" box on the left of the page below. Search by state and then check the HOME Investment Partnerships Program box. https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/	A number of years after CDBG was established, HOME was created as a block grant allocated to states and communities to solely focus on housing. It funds many home repair efforts nationwide.	Target Populations• Homeowners• Renters• Those with low in• Older adults
Local Housing/Neighborhood Agencies (Neighborhood Housing Services) For related information, visit: http://www.neighborworks.org To find local agencies, do an online search with your city name and "Neighborhood Housing Services" or use this locator to identify NeighborWorks affiliates in your area: http://www.neighborworks.org/Our-Network/Network-Dire ctory	Some towns and/or counties have neighborhood or local agencies (often nonprofit) that offer home improvement advice and/or funding, including home repair programs. Neighborhood Housing Services are one type.	Target Populations• Homeowners• Renters• Landlords• Those with low in• Older adults• People with disa
State Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) https://www.ncsha.org/about-us/about-hfas/ Delaware State Housing Authority http://www.destatehousing.com/	State HFAs (which can go by a variety of names) assist low- and moderate-income households by lending funds that: assist first-time buyers to purchase homes, finance construction/repairs, develop supportive housing for seniors and persons with disabilities, and operate low-interest loan and deferred loan home improvement programming. They also provide funds to developers creating new single-family homes	Target Populations• Homeowners• Renters• Landlords• Those with low in• Older adults

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	and constructing/rehabbing multi-family housing benefitting low- moderate-income households.	People with disat
<ul> <li>USDA Office of Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)</li> <li>Section 504 Home Repair https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-fa mily-housing-repair-loans-grants</li> <li>Section 533 Rural Housing Preservation https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-p reservation-grants</li> <li>Delaware USDA Offices: <ul> <li>Hagerstown Area Office</li> <li>La Plata Satellite Office</li> <li>Upper Marlboro Satellite Office</li> </ul> </li> <li>https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/de</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Section 504 Home Repair Loans/Grants provide loans (up to \$20,000) to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes or grants (up to \$7,500) to very-low-income older adult homeowners to remove health and safety hazards. Loans with 1% interest are available for households with repayment ability. Grants are available for homeowners age 62 and older who are unable to repay a loan. Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance.</li> <li>Section 533 Rural Housing Preservation Grants provide funds to state and local government entities, non-profits, and federally recognized Tribes for the repair or rehabilitation of homes (including accessibility features) occupied by low-income persons in rural areas. Rental property owners may also receive assistance to make units available to low- and very-low-income families.</li> </ul>	Section 504 Home Rep <u>Target Populations</u> • Homeowners • Those with low in • Older adults <u>Eligibility:</u> Be homeowr obtain affordable credit of 50% of the area median and not be able to repay Section 533 Rural Hou <u>Target Populations</u> • Agencies and org • Federally recognitions <u>Eligibility:</u> Homes must 20,000 people or less or
Weatherization Assistance Program, U.S.         Department of Energy (DOE)         https://energy.gov/eere/wipo/about-weatherization-assist ance-program-0         Delaware Weatherization Assistance Program         https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/climate-coastal-energy/susta inable-communities/weatherization/	The Weatherization Assistance Program's primary purpose is: "to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, reduce their total residential energy expenditures, and improve their health and safety, especially low-income persons who are particularly vulnerable such as the elderly, the disabled, and children." This includes incidental safety repairs when needed.	Target Populations         • Homeowners         • Renters         • Those with low in         • Older adults         • People with disable         Eligibility: States set into the ender         • Those receiving Supply Families with Depende         • People over 60 years of         • Families with one or m         • Families with children (

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<ul> <li>Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Loan Insurance, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</li> <li>Title I Home Improvement https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_of fices/housing/sfh/title/title-i</li> <li>203(k) Purchase/Rehabilitation https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/203k</li> <li>Locate a Title I or 203(k) Program in your area: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/lender/ lenderlist</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>These loan guarantee programs are through local lenders (not direct funding):</li> <li><u>Title I</u> insures loans for rehabilitating an existing home</li> <li><u>203(k) Insurance</u> enables home buyers and homeowners to finance the purchase (or refinancing) of a house and rehabilitation of a home through a single mortgage, or to finance the rehabilitation of their existing home.</li> </ul>	Title I Home Improvem <u>Target Populations</u> • Homeowners • Landlords 203(k) Purchase/Rehat <u>Target Populations</u> • Homeowners • Potential homebut <u>Eligibility</u> : Households extent of rehabilitation raises of a home as long as the place.
Home Equity Line of Credit	Home equity lines of credit may be used for home improvements and accessed when the need arises. Homeowners can borrow money that must be repaid with interest. The homeowner's residence is used as collateral for the loan.	Target Populations• HomeownersHow to Access:Contact
Home Equity Loan	Homeowners can take out a second mortgage loan to finance home modifications. This separate home improvement loan is repaid in addition to the existing first mortgage.	Target Populations         • Homeowners         Eligibility:         How to Access:
Lender Unsecured/Personal Loans	For less expensive modifications, a homeowner or renter can apply for a personal loan at their bank. This is a helpful source for renters since no mortgage is placed on the property to secure the debt.	Target Populations         • Homeowners         • Renters         • Landlords         Eligibility:         Approval is to standing.         How to Access:         Contact

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Mortgage Refinancing	Refinancing pays off the existing first mortgage loan to purchase a	Target Populations
	property and creates a new one that can provide funds for an	Homeowners
	improvement project such as home modifications (if the value of the property has grown over time and/or depending on how much of the	Eligibility: A homeown
	property value the owner has paid off).	sufficient equity.
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Remodeler Donated Financing	Remodelers may self-fund all or part of a home modification project for a	Target Populations
<ul> <li>Remodeler donated unsecured loan</li> </ul>	homeowner (this may be done in the spirit of giving or as part of a marketing promotion of the remodeler's commitment to giving back to its	Homeowners
	community). It might include donated labor by the remodeler or material contributed by the remodeler's suppliers.	How to Access: Ask yo loan.
Remodeler Referred Financing	Besides considering loans from banks or other lenders, many finance	Target Populations
<ul> <li>Remodeler referred unsecured loan</li> </ul>	companies offer consumer lending services through remodeling contractors or suppliers. Many remodelers can offer project financing by	Homeowners
Remodeler referred secured loan	associating with finance companies specializing in remodeling projects,	Landlords
	which provides customer convenience, processing speed, and may	How to Access: Ask yo
	have lower closing costs than other refinancing options.	loan.
Reverse Equity Mortgage	Special financing technique available only for elderly homeowners to	Target Populations
National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association:	convert their home equity into a lump-sum payment, a stream of monthly payments, a line of credit, or a combination of these options.	Homeowners
http://www.reversemortgage.org	The property's title is turned over to the lender in exchange for the	How to Access: Contac
FHA-Approved Home Equity Conversion Mortgages for	payment(s). Funds could be used to make changes to their homes.	determine if a reverse m
Seniors: HUD Information, including finding a counselor		
in your area http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/hou		
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National Council on Aging Reverse Mortgage Counseling		
https://www.ncoa.org/economic-security/home-equity/reverse- mortgages/reverse-mortgage-counseling/		
Secured Loans Against Homeowner's Bank	Homeowners can take out a personal loan against their own financial	Target Populations
Accounts	assets held by their local bank to fund home modification projects. If a household has an adequate certificate of deposit (CD) with a long term,	Homeowners
	a lender may allow borrowing against it to fund less expensive modifications. The household may be eligible to receive up to a certain percentage of the CD's value (e.g., 80%) for a term shorter than the CD's, or if the CD is renewed when its term expires, the loan against it	How to Access: Conta

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Secured Loans Against Homeowner's Financial Investment Accounts (Margin Loan)	A margin loan is money typically borrowed from your bank or investment firm to buy additional shares or managed funds. Often, the proceeds from a margin loan can be used for other purposes such as real estate investments or improvements. As an investment strategy, a margin loan can be a successful way to grow wealth. A margin loan is usually offered at below market interest rates as you are basically borrowing one's own money. The loan can offer taxation benefits, and the added security of diversifying one's investment portfolio.	<ul> <li><u>Target Populations</u></li> <li>Homeowners</li> <li><u>How to Access:</u> Conta</li> </ul>
	SOCIAL/VOCATIONAL SUPPORTS	
Civic, Advocacy, Religious, and Trade Groups	Organizations may include neighborhood associations or community groups, churches, synagogues, Jaycees, building trade unions, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Kiwanis Clubs, YMCAs, Knights of Columbus, Rotary Clubs, Lion's Clubs, B'nai B'rith, Masons, builders associations, or 4H Clubs. These groups may sponsor projects (e.g., rampathons), raise/donate funds, and conduct other activities to help with home modifications.	Target Populations• Homeowners• Renters• Landlords• Those with low ir• Older adults• People with disaHow to Access: Refer
Crime Victims' Benefits, U.S. Department of Justice https://ovc.ojp.gov/help-for-victims/overview Delaware Victims' Compensation Assistance Program https://attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/VCAP/	States have programs that provide compensation when a person is injured or dies when a crime is committed against them. Beneficiaries may include the victim, their families, and/or a person paying a victim's expenses. Awards might cover home accessibility modifications, when applicable. Compensation is paid only when other financial resources, such as private insurance and offender restitution, do not cover the loss.	<ul> <li>Target Populations</li> <li>Homeowners</li> <li>Renters</li> </ul>
Social Security Title XX Social Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/ssbg-fact-sheet To locate your state office: https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/ssbg-contacts	Administered by the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), states distribute Social Services Block Grant funds through regional offices that assist households facing emergencies (e.g., major housing or medical problems). They can support households already receiving public assistance. Assistance may include installing very basic modifications like a ramp, hall rail, or bathroom grab bars.	Target Populations• Homeowners• Renters• Landlords• Those with low ir• People with disalEligibility: Generally tasome form of public ass

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targeted to households already receiving assistance.

Workers' Compensation, U.S. Department of Labor Delaware Office of Workers Compensation https://dia.delawareworks.com/workers-comp/	States administer programs that provide financial assistance for workers injured on the job. Workers' Compensation programs usually fund modifications or purchasing/leasing another unit if the worker cannot adequately perform everyday functions at home. Coverage is provided through the Workers' Compensation Insurance businesses are required to purchase; states oversee to ensure claims are handled properly.	How to Access: Social directly to states. Award social service organizati departments in each sta funded services. For mo eligibility, contact your lo <u>Target Populations</u> • Homeowners • Renters • People with disat
	TAX FUNDING SOURCES	
<ul> <li>Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Department of the Treasury</li> <li>Personal Income Tax Deduction https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions</li> <li>Capital Gains Tax https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc409.html</li> <li>Business Tax Deduction https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self- employed/deducting-business-expenses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Personal Federal Income Tax. Out-of-pocket expenses for a range of accessibility modifications can be included when calculating federal income tax medical expense deductions. Features permitted may only partially increase property value.</li> <li>Federal Capital Gains Tax. Financing home modifications has tax implications. The amount spent on accessibility can be added to the cost basis of the house the cumulative cost of improvements made over the years, even if market value is not increased. When the house is sold, the capital gain reflects the difference between the net selling price and the cost basis.</li> <li>Federal Income Tax Deduction for Housing Used for Business Purposes. When a property is used for business purposes, a portion of capital expenses such as building improvements normally must be deducted over a number of years. However, accessibility improvements for customers can either be deducted over time or taken as a lump-sum deduction in the year the expenses occurred.</li> </ul>	Personal Income Tax I <u>Target Populations</u> • Homeowners • People with disal Capital Gains Tax <u>Target Populations</u> • Homeowners • Landlords • People with disal Business Tax Deduction <u>Target Populations</u> • Homeowners • Landlords
State/Local Taxes <ul> <li>Sales Tax Exemption</li> <li>Property Tax Exemption</li> </ul> To find your local IRS office: https://www.irs.gov/help/contact-your-local-irs-office	<b>State/Local Sales Tax Exemption</b> . Some states and/or counties offer a sales tax exemption for certain accessibility improvement-related purchases households make. For example, a state may have an exemption for the sales tax paid on materials used to construct a ramp or when purchasing lifting equipment installed at a residence. A homeowner typically purchases the supplies and/or equipment, and submits documentation to receive the rebate.	State/Local Sales Tax <u>Target Populations</u> • Homeowners • Renters • Older adults • People with disal

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ial Services Block Grant funds are awarded ards are not made directly to individuals or cations. The human and social service state oversee the provision of SSBG more information about services and r local social service office (see link at left).

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Local Property Tax Exemption. Whatever a proper	rty's current market   Local Property Tax Exe
value or sales price, home modifications may increa	ise the assessed <u>Target Populations</u>
value to and raise property taxes as a result. This ca	an be an unfortunate  • Homeowners
side effect of home modifications, a remodeling job v	whose primary intent
is to encourage better functioning.	People with disab

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