



# Pittsburgh Home Accessibility Program for Independence (HAPI)

The Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh is proud to introduce the HAPI pilot program for Pittsburgh homeowners and renters who have permanent disabilities. HAPI is a grant program to assist eligible homeowners and landlords in providing accessibility modifications for the home. HAPI funds will allow those with permanent disabilities an opportunity to remain within their homes.

**Accessible modifications include but are not limited to:**

- Exterior Ramps
- Chair Gliders or Lifts
- Door Widening
- Bathroom Modifications
- Lowering Kitchen Counters
- Sliding Shelves
- Visual door bells
- Visual phone signalers

**Maximum Grant Amount**

**Homeowner:** \$1,000 to \$10,000

**Landlord:** \$5,000 per unit

**Fee:** \$150

<u>Income Limits by Household Size</u>	
<b><u>PRIORITY (50% AMI)</u></b>	
1 person: \$26,600	4 person: \$38,000
2 person: \$30,400	5 person: \$41,050
3 person: \$34,200	6 person: \$44,100
<b><u>(120% AMI)</u></b>	
1 person: \$63,840	4 person: \$91,200
2 person: \$73,000	5 person: \$98,500
3 person: \$82,100	6 person: \$105,800

**How to qualify:**

Funds are limited and will be given on a first come first serve basis with priority given to applications with incomes below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The maximum incomes are listed within the chart.

Contact the URA at 412-255-6672 and request an application. Return the application to the URA with the following information:

- **Proof of Disability in the form of a letter, excuse from your Doctor, or a letter showing that you receive Social Security Disability**
- **Proof of ownership or proof of owner’s permission to make modifications**
- **Verification of all income, with copies of the two most recent pay stubs for each wage earner**
- **Copy of the latest Income Tax Returns or Non-Filing Verification Letter (1-800-829-1040)**
- **Verification that City and County Real Estate Taxes are paid (if available)**

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## CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

The HAPI program offered by the URA will help you make modifications that will allow you to stay in your home.

The URA construction advisor will conduct an initial inspection of the property and prepare a work writeup which identifies the home modifications. The URA construction advisor is not responsible for performing a home assessment audit to determine what modifications are necessary. **If you would like to obtain a home assessment, it would be at your own expense.**

Work may be performed by your own contractor or you can request the URA send your approved work write-up out to bid.

If you obtain your own contractor, they will need to complete a City of Pittsburgh Business Registration form, a short application and W9 form. Please note that no money is given up front to the contractor to start the job. The contractor will need to provide written proposals based on the work write-up or home assessment and include itemized costs per line item.

You may request that the URA send your approved work write-up out to bid to three pre-approved contractors. The contractors will visit the home and bid on the job. You will choose the contractor.

The URA will review the proposal to determine a fair and equitable cost of the proposed modifications.

The URA construction advisor will provide project management and conduct on-site inspections during the construction and at the time the contractor requests payment for completed work. The URA will make payments directly to the contractor based on work completed and an approval by the construction advisor and the grantee.

At the time the work is completed, the URA construction advisor and, if necessary, a Department of Permits, Licensing, and Inspection (PLI) representative will make a final inspection. If PLI or Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) has issued permits for the work, the contractor must have the appropriate representatives of PLI or ACHD sign the Permit Sign-Off form, which needs to be returned with the Payment/ Inspection form for the contractor to receive final payment.

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