



Emergency Home and Accessibility Repair Program



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What is the Emergency Home and Accessibility Repair Program?

EHARP funds network of local administrators to assist with emergency home repairs or accessibility improvements for low-income households and/or low-income persons who are physically or mentally disabled.

*Allowable for renters if the homeowner signs off approving the repairs.

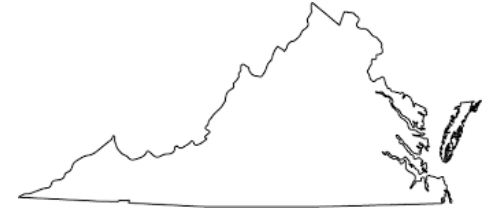


History of the Program

- Administered through DHCD since 1988
- Appropriation from the Virginia General Assembly
- No administrative funds for DHCD or local administrators
- Appropriation:
 - 1988 - \$250,000.00
 - Since 2002 - \$352,725.00 annually
- Production over last five years (2016-2020):
 - Average of 182 completed jobs annually
 - Average of \$1,940 received per job



DHCD/State's Role



- Receive the fiscal year appropriation from the Virginia General Assembly
- Run program on the state fiscal year
(July 1st -June 30th)
- Funds allocated to local administrators based on service area
- Formula utilizes Census Bureau Data on low income and square mileage



- 28 local administrators
- No match required
- DHCD pre-approves prior to start of work
- Funds reimbursed after work is completed
- Funds are reallocated if not obligated (date set annually)



Program Eligibility Determinations

- Available only in non-entitlement localities.
- Dwelling unit must be occupied.
- Must be an eligible emergency or accessibility related repair listed in guidelines
- Income eligibility
 - 80 percent of area median income (AMI)
 - Total gross household income from all sources





Local Administrators' Role

- Review application requests to ensure:
 - Eligibility of requested repairs
 - Eligibility of the total household income level
- Check current funding availability
- Leverage funds when possible
- Submit requests to the state through DHCD's Centralized Application Management System (CAMS)
 - \$4,000.00 maximum assistance per job
 - Case-by-case exceptions made in extenuating circumstances





Local Administrators' Role Continued

- Procure a sub-contractor or have qualified in-house crews begin work on approved repairs.
- Ensure client signs off on all required documentation
- Request reimbursement from DHCD
- Reimburse the agency or pay the sub-contractor





Constituent's Role

- Contact Local Administrator
- Fill out an application
- Submit a completed application to Local Administrator
- If eligible, ensure that all required forms are signed:
 - Authorization and Release
 - Homeowner/Renter Agreement
 - Certification of Completion





Eligible Repairs

- **Emergency Repairs**

- Structural hazards (i.e., leaking roof, rotted or unsafe floors, ceilings, walls, stairs, etc.)
- Electric and other fire hazards
- Roof repair/replacement
- Repair/replacement of heating systems
- Repair/replacement of air conditioning systems
- Water sources, plumbing (includes main water line which may include branch lines and well pump repair or replacement) and sewer/septic repairs



Eligible Repairs Continued

- **Accessibility Repairs***

- Wheelchair ramps
- Hand railings, grab bars
- Kitchen and bathroom modifications
- Doorway widening

* Please note that all Accessibility Repairs must be made in compliance with current American Disability Act (ADA) Standards. For more information, please visit <http://www.ada.gov/>.



Non-eligible Repairs



- Replacement of windows or doors where the existing ones are not broken or missing
- Tree, bush, shrub or grass cutting
- Repairs that are covered by homeowner's or flood insurance
- Cosmetic improvements such as interior or exterior painting
- Repairs to sheds or storage buildings
- Propane or fuel refills when there are no heating system repairs being done





Emergency Related Success Story

- Local administrator was notified of a couple living without water.
- Husband had several strokes and was diagnosed with cancer and the wife was working part-time to take care of him.
- They were unable to afford the repairs on their own.
- Originally was expected that the cause was a bad well pump.
- Turned out that the well pump and water line had to be replaced.
- Leveraged funds with other programs to assist the family in regaining water.

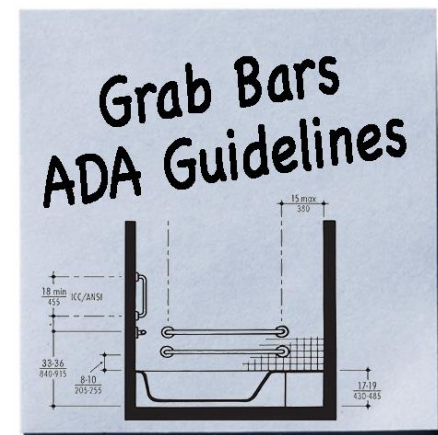




Sub-program

Accessibility Repair Program (ARP)

- Only accessibility related repairs
- Funds received from tax check offs
- Average 15-20 ARP jobs annually
- On average \$32,340.62 annually has been disbursed for ARP within the last five years.



ADA Grab Bars For Shower and Bathtubs



Accessibility Related Success Story

- Bathroom Modification
- The constituent was unable to take baths due to medical conditions causing her to need a shower and not a bathtub.
- The constituent was financially unable to afford these modifications.
- Replaced a bathtub to a shower





Questions?



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