



Background

Ramps are one of the most common modifications made or requested by homeowners with a member who has a mobility impairment or is a user of a wheelchair.

Ramps can accommodate a broad range of physical needs and requirements, increase safety and reduce the risk of falling, and can help maintain a person's independence. They allow for aging-in-place in the home.

However, the cost of installing a ramp is often a barrier for a homeowner. RAMP UP Indiana provides grants to not-for-profit organizations for the installation of exterior ramps to homes occupied by people who need to improve the accessibility of their home. Through this program it is estimated that 150-200 ramps will be built throughout Indiana.

Eligible Applicants

- Not-for-profit 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organizations that can demonstrate appropriate experience and an established organizational mission to serve the housing needs of persons with disabilities and/or to rehabilitate homes for low-income homeowners.
- Local units of government
- An organization may only have one active RAMP UP grant at a time. Once the program is completed and the grant successfully closed, the applicant may then apply for a second award if RAMP UP funding is still available at that time.
- Maximum request amount per application is \$50,000.
- Due to the nature of the program and the relatively small amount being invested in any individual home, IHCDCA will waive its affordability period requirements. No liens will be recorded against the homes assisted through RAMP UP.
- The funding source for RAMP UP is The Indiana Affordable Housing and Community Development Fund ("Development Fund").

Eligible Beneficiaries

- Eligible beneficiaries are limited to homeowners at or below 80% of area median income.

How to Apply

- Applications are accepted as part of a non-competitive rolling funding round.
- IHCDCA will continue accepting applications until such time that a notice is released announcing that the RAMP UP program has closed.
- Additional details on how to apply can be found at www.in.gov/ihcda/program-partners/ramp-up-indiana
- **Questions?**
Contact rampup@ihcda.in.gov





Eligible Activities

This program is intended solely for the installation of ramps for qualified homeowners to improve the accessibility of their homes and allow the household members to age in place. Only ramp installation activities will be funded through this program.

RAMP UP supports the construction or rehabilitation of one ramp at the front door, through a garage or at the back or side door of a home.

The following activities can also be funded through this program if needed:

- Widening of the exterior door that will be served by the ramp in order to provide at least 32 inches of clear passage for accessibility;
- Installation of a rubber or aluminum doorway threshold ramp with beveled or flat edges to reduce the maximum threshold height and allow access through the door. $\frac{3}{4}$ inch is the maximum threshold height for exterior sliding doors and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch is the maximum threshold height for all other doors. Applicant may install doorway threshold ramps to bring the threshold *into compliance with these maximum heights; and
- Installation of a levered door handle on the exterior door served by the ramp
- Installation of a concrete pad for transferring between the ramp and a driveway or sidewalk

These repairs can only be made if the home is also being assisted with the construction or installation of a ramp.

IHCDA Mission Statement

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) provides housing opportunities, promotes self-sufficiency, and strengthens communities.

IHCDA's work is done in partnership with developers, lenders, investors and nonprofit organizations that serve low- and moderate-income Hoosiers. We leverage public and private funds to invest in financially sound, well-designed projects that will benefit communities for many years to come. The activities that we finance help increase family and community stability.

In turn, communities grow and prosper, broadening their tax base, creating new jobs, and maximizing local resources. IHCDA's work is truly a vehicle for economic growth, made possible through the partnerships we hold with stakeholders throughout Indiana.



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