

HOMEOWNER REPAIR PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

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What is the Homeowner Repair Program for Seniors?

This program is offered by the Department of Social Development (SD). The Homeowner Repair Program for Seniors helps low-income seniors make minor adaptations to their home to assist with activities of daily living. It is part of the Federal and Provincial strategy for the social and economic integration of persons with disabilities.

Who Qualifies?

You may qualify for assistance if:

- You are 65 years of age or older;
- Your total household income is below the income limit for your area. The Department of Social Development can tell you the income limit for your area when you apply for assistance;
- You have difficulty with daily living activities due to diminishing ability brought on by aging;
- You are a homeowner or renter in the private market. If you are a renter, you will need written agreement from your landlord.

How Does It Work?

A forgivable loan of up to \$5,000 is available, earned over seven years. The exact amount is based on the cost of materials and labour necessary to do the required adaptations.

Examples of Possible Home Adaptations

- Ramps to assist in entering and exiting your home
- Handrails in hallways and stairways
- Improved lighting for hallways
- Easy-to-reach work and storage areas in the kitchen
- Lever handles on doors
- Bathtub grab bars and seats

NOTE:

All adaptations should be permanent and fixed to the dwelling. If your home requires extensive modifications, such as wider doorways and increased space for wheelchair maneuvering, ask for information on the Homeowner Repair Program for Persons with Disabilities. Additional funding is available for modifications related to disabled accessibility.

Do You Have Any Questions?

If you have any questions about the Homeowner Repair Program for Seniors, please contact your regional office of the Department of Social Development at 1-833-733-7835.