

ACCESS TO HOME

INCREASE FUNDING FOR ACCESS TO HOME IN THE STATE BUDGET!



- Access to Home is a program administered by NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) providing funding for home modifications for aging and disabled New Yorkers.
- Local nonprofit grantees administer this program.
- Access to Home funds modest home modifications, such as grab bars in the bathroom or a ramp on the front door, to help older adults and people with disabilities stay in their own home or return home following an institutional stay.
- **In 2024 funding for the program was increased to \$4 million from years of level funding at \$1 million, but requires support again to restore the budget increase from 2024. To adequately address the housing crisis for people with disabilities we are requesting \$10 million in programmatic funding, allowing more New Yorkers with disabilities and older adults to live safely in the community**
- As New York's population ages and acquires disabilities a funding increase is necessary to ensure access needs are met.
- According to AARP, 3 out of 4 adults 50 and older want to stay in their homes and communities as they age.
- Currently, 11.3% of New Yorkers have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs based on data from the American Community Survey.
- By 2030, New York's 60+ population is expected to reach 5.3 million. **Funding for home modifications is critical to the success of a Master Plan on Aging.**

The budget must restore funding to \$4 million and include an increase of \$6 million to support statewide coverage for accessible housing!

Home modifications allow older and disabled New Yorkers to live at home!