Older Adults Home Modification Program (OAHMP)

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What is the Older Adult Home Modification Program (OAHMP)?

The **Older Adult Home Modification Program (OAHMP)** helps low-income homeowners, age 62 and older remain safely and independently in their homes through low-cost, high-impact home modifications. The program is designed to reduce fall risk, improve accessibility and safety, and support participation in daily activities within the home environment.

Our mission is to promote successful aging in place by enhancing functional independence, mobility, and quality of life—helping older adults remain in the comfort and familiarity of their own homes rather than transitioning prematurely to assisted living or skilled nursing facilities.

How Does the Program Work?

The OAHMP model is grounded in occupational therapy principles and focuses on practical, person-centered environmental modifications that improve safety and function. A licensed Occupational Therapist (OT) completes a comprehensive evaluation of the individual's functional abilities, daily routines, mobility needs, and home environment.

Using clinical expertise in aging, fall prevention, accessibility, and adaptive equipment, the OT identifies targeted modifications that support safe engagement in activities of daily living (ADLs) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs). Recommendations are individualized to maximize independence, reduce caregiver burden, and support long-term community living.

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Examples of home modifications and safety interventions may include:

- Tub cut-outs to improve safe shower and tub access
- Professionally placed grab bars and handholds for transfers and mobility support
- ADA-height toilets (when compatible with existing bathroom construction)
- Installation of railings and stair supports
- Improved lighting to enhance visibility and reduce fall risk
- Stair tread applications for improved traction and safety
- Securing loose carpeting and rugs with skid resistant materials
- Home organization and storage recommendations to improve accessibility and reduce reaching, bending, and lifting hazards
- Education on adaptive strategies to support safe daily functioning within the home









Program Guidelines

The program prioritizes low-cost, high-impact modifications for homeowners that can significantly improve safety and functional performance. Please note that grant funding includes budget limitations related to extensive plumbing and electrical work. **Recommendations are made with consideration of both clinical need and available program resources.**

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