

Specialty Adapted Housing

The Specialty Adapted Housing grant will cover up to 50 percent of the cost of a specially adapted house.

This grant is currently \$81,080—for Veterans and Servicemembers who are entitled to compensation for permanent and total service-connected disability (SCD) due to:

- Loss of use of both legs, to the extent the individual can't get around without braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair
- Loss of use of both arms at or above the elbows
- Loss of use of one arm and one leg
- Loss of use of one leg and residual effects of organic disease or injury
- Blindness in both eyes and loss of use of one leg
- Permanent and total disability due to severe Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

It must be medically feasible for the applicant to reside in the house, which must be adapted to be suitable to the individual's Independent Living needs. In addition, it must be financially feasible for the individual to purchase the house with the assistance provided by the grant.

If an applicant does not use the aggregate maximum amount of the grant in the first application, the individual may apply up to two more times, for a total of three applications.

SAH grants may be used to:

- Construct a home on land to be acquired or land already owned by the applicant, provided the land is suitable for specially adapted housing
- Remodel an existing home
- Pay down the principal mortgage of an already acquired specially adapted home

In addition, a Temporary Residence Adaptation grant of from \$6,355-\$35,553 may be available to adapt a home owned by a family member if the Veteran or Servicemember will be living there temporarily.

Special Housing Adaptations

The Special Housing Adaptations grant will cover the actual cost to adapt a house.

The grant is currently \$16,217—for Veterans and Servicemembers who are entitled to compensation for permanent and total SCD due to:

- Blindness in both eyes (5/200 visual acuity or less)
- Loss of hands or loss of use of both hands
- Severe brain injury

If housing adaptations have already been made, the grant will cover the appraised market value of the necessary adapted features already in the house when it was purchased.

Individuals are allowed up to three separate uses of grant benefits—up to the maximum amount allowed by law—which may be used to:

- Adapt a house planned for purchase (by the applicant or a family member) in which the Veteran or Servicemember plans to reside
- Adapt a house already owned by the applicant or a family member in which the Veteran or Servicemember plans to reside
- Purchase a house that has already been adapted with the appropriate special features

Home Improvements and Structural Alterations

The Home Improvements and Structural Alterations grant is available to all Veterans with disabilities (SCD and non-SCD) to make home improvements to facilitate treatment and essential access to the home, including modifications to:

- Allow entrance or exit from the Veteran's home
- Improve access to essential facilities (e.g., bathroom and kitchen)
- Install handrails
- Lower electrical outlets and switches
- Improve paths and driveways
- Improve plumbing and electrical work for dialysis patients

Veterans with a disability rating greater than 50 percent may **receive up to \$6,800**. Veterans with a disability rating of lower than 50 percent may receive up to \$2,000. Veterans with service-connected disabilities may receive a HISA grant independently or in conjunction with SAH or SHA grants, depending on the person's specific needs.

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