

ACCESS TO HOME

The Doorways to Independence program at ADAPT Community Network is pleased to offer home modification assistance through the Access to Home program. The Access to Home (ATH) program provides financial assistance to make the homes and apartments of low- and moderate-income New Yorkers with disabilities more accessible.

One of the primary objectives of the Access to Home Program is to meet the accessibility needs of those with disabilities such that individuals can live safely and comfortably in their home and avoid unnecessary hospital, nursing home, or other residential placement. Home owners, rental property owners, and tenants with written approval from the owner may qualify for Access to Home assistance.

NYC residents with a permanent health condition that limits them from fully accessing their home are eligible to apply. To apply for this program you must meet the eligibility guidelines, complete the ATH application and submit all required supporting documentation.

Eligibility Requirements

- The modified unit must be the permanent residence of the applicant
- Must have a permanent physical disability or have substantial difficulty with activities of daily living due to aging

Permitted updates and renovations include

- Wheelchair ramps and lifts
- Interior and exterior stairglides
- Widened doorways for wheelchair access
- Bathroom modifications for wheelchair access
- Lowered, easy-to reach kitchen adaptations
- Modifications for individuals with visual/hearing impairments
- Other necessary modifications

Priority is given to

- Individuals with disabilities who are ready for discharge from nursing home facilities
- Individuals with disabilities who are immediately threatened with out of home placement because of architectural barriers
- Individuals who have substantial difficulty with activities of daily living due to aging

Income Requirements

Total household income may not exceed 80% of Area Median Income or 120% AMI if the applicant is a veteran.

<u># of people in home</u>	<u>80% of AMI</u>
1	\$58,450
2	\$66,800
3	\$75,150
4	\$83,450
5	\$90,150
6	\$96,850
7	\$103,500
8	\$110,200

Required Documents

- Completed and signed application
- Proof of disability (documentation from a licensed medical practitioner, social worker or current psychological evaluation)
- Proof of property ownership if applicable (copy of deed or mortgage statement)
- Proof of total household income (W2, filed tax returns, Social Security award letters, etc.)