

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Grant funds can only be used to make accessibility improvements to properties occupied by lower-income North Dakotans with physical disabilities. Examples of qualifying improvements include, but are not limited to, ramps, door levers, walk-in/roll-in showers, grab bars and widening doorways.

Accessibility improvements can be made to either rental property or single-family homes. Project costs for improving rental properties that are not directly attributable to lower-income disabled households may be prorated for grant eligibility based on the percentage of eligible units to total project units. Verification of a rental property's reserve account may be requested.

Eligibility is limited to households with incomes not exceeding 50% of HUD county median income adjusted for family size. Property taxes must be current to be eligible for funding.

Grants are limited to one per rental property or single-family home in a fiscal year. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come first-served basis.

The maximum RAP grant is \$7,000. Matching funds of at least 20 percent of the total project costs are required. NDHFA dollars cannot be used as a source of matching funds.

Reimbursement of the cost of any work completed prior to the application approval is not an eligible use of grant funds. NDHFA reserves the right to inspect the property, both before approval and after project completion.

Application

Applications are available directly from NDHFA. Interested parties may contact the agency at (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621, 711 (TTY), hfainfo@nd.gov or by mail: NDHFA, PO Box 1535, Bismarck, ND 58502-1535.

Evidence of project cost estimates and income eligibility must accompany the application.

COMPLIANCE

Recipient Requirements

Grant funds will be disbursed after submission of a certification of project completion by the grantee. The certification must be received by NDHFA within three months of the grant award and include evidence of actual project costs. The final award is contingent upon costs meeting those included in the application. Checks will be issued and made payable to the contractor(s).

Modification to the RAP Program

To address unforeseen circumstances, NDHFA reserves the right to waive certain program requirements or administrative procedures including, but not limited to, the maximum grant amount and the match requirement. All waivers must be approved by the NDHFA executive director.