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**Housing  
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## HOW CAN THE PROGRAM HELP ME?

It allows wheelchair-bound low and moderate income individuals with documented disabilities that significantly impair mobility, to make essential accessibility improvements to the home.

Assistance can be provided only to homeowners, only for owner-occupied units.



## ELIGIBLE AREAS

Residents of the following communities may be considered for assistance.

### VILLAGES

Alden	East Aurora	North Collins
Akron	Farnham	Orchard Park
Angola	Gowanda	Springville
Depew	Lancaster	

### TOWNS

Alden	Concord	Marilla
Aurora	Eden	Newstead
Boston	Elma	North Collins
Brant	Evans	Orchard Park
Clarence	Grand Island	Sardinia
Colden	Holland	Wales
Collins	Lancaster	West Seneca

### CITIES

Lackawanna  
Tonawanda

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- The property must be located within one of the participating communities listed and all property and school taxes must be current.
- Households earning 50% or less of the County's median income, as shown in the chart below, may be eligible for a loan of up to \$5,000, while households with a gross income more than 50%, but less than 80% of the median income, may be eligible for a loan up to \$2,500.
- Additional loans at very favorable terms are available for work beyond the grant amount for homeowners.
- Applicants seeking assistance must have full documentation of a permanent disability requiring wheelchair use. The latter must be from an organization specializing in addressing the needs of individuals with a personal disability, or appropriate medical sources.

## A LOAN OF UP TO \$2,500

...is available if the gross household income, which is based on household size, does not exceed the following income figures. The figure represents 80% of the county median income for each household size.

Number of Persons In Owner Household	Maximum Income
1	\$54,320
2	\$62,080
3	\$69,840
4	\$77,520
5	\$83,760
6	\$90,000
7	\$96,160
8 or more	\$102,400

## WHAT REPAIRS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Typical work items include access ramp installation, re-plumbing kitchen and bath to provide access to facilities, and installing a hard surface walkway from the ramp to where the homeowner's vehicle is parked.

**Lead Paint** - Houses constructed prior to 1978 must undergo assessment for the presence of lead-based paint hazards. Any hazards found must be reduced to appropriate federal standards as part of the rehabilitation work.

## HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

- Competitive bidding is required from contractors to ensure a fair price for work to be done.
- Homeowners select their own contractor.
- The County trained housing staff will supervise the work that is being done.

## TOTAL LOAN ASSISTANCE UP TO \$5,000

...is available if the gross household income is at or below the following levels based on household size. The income thresholds represent 50% of the county median income for the respective household size.

Number of Persons In Owner Household	Maximum Income
1	\$33,950
2	\$38,800
3	\$43,650
4	\$48,450
5	\$52,350
6	\$56,250
7	\$60,100
8 or more	\$64,000

\* Income limits are adjusted annually by HUD \*