

What is the Architectural Accessibility Program?

The Architectural Accessibility Program is a grant program designed to enhance the ability of a qualified household member to safely function in their home and enter and exit the home safely.

Written verification of medical necessity is required for participation in this program.

Funding for this program is limited per fiscal year and is on a first come, first serve basis.

Who will do the work?

Once eligibility has been determined, a Housing Rehabilitation Specialist from the Department of Community Services will visit and assist you to identify your accessibility needs. Only contractor vendors approved by New Castle County will do work in your home. All contractors are licensed and insured and will obtain permits as required.



What can the Architectural Accessibility Program do?

The Architectural Accessibility Program is limited to items such as:

- The installation of an access ramp
- Widening of doorways
- Installation of grab bars
- Re-plumbing of kitchen and bath to provide access to facilities
- Installing a hard surface walkway to a ramp
- Lowering electrical switches
- Stair lifts

Funding availability per home is from \$500 to \$5,000.

What homes qualify?

The home must be located in New Castle County, Delaware, outside the boundaries of the cities of Wilmington and Newark. Homeowners in those jurisdictions should contact their city offices for information on programs available to them.

Wilmington Real Estate & Housing
(302) 576-3000

Newark Home Improvement Program
(302) 366-7030

Additional Information

- Property value cannot exceed \$278,050 *after repairs are made*.
- There must be hazard insurance on the property that meets program requirements.
- Mobile homes must be on a permanent foundation on land owned by homeowner.
- Properties located in Flood Zones are not eligible.
- Applicant cannot have assets in excess of program limits.
- Eligibility is determined at time of application.

Where does the money come from?

The Architectural Accessibility Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.



INCOME GUIDELINES*

<i>Number in Household</i>	<i>Less than 80% of Median</i>
1	\$45,000
2	\$51,400
3	\$57,850
4	\$64,250
5	\$69,400
6	\$74,550
7	\$79,700
8	\$84,850

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*Subject to change.

How do I find out if I qualify?

If you are an owner occupant whose household adjusted gross income is at or below the amounts listed on the income guidelines chart, please call the Department of Community Services. Please contact Community Development & Housing Division if you have any questions.

302-395-5600
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



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