

Assistive Technology  
Resources for

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Home Modifications

# What is a home modification?

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- Home modifications are adaptations to the living environment intended to increase ease of use, safety, security, and independence. Modifications can include:
- Changes or additions to the structure (e.g., widening doorways, adding a first-floor bathroom or a ramp)
- Installing special equipment (e.g., grab bars, handrails, stairlift)

# Local Resources Home Modifications

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- MDOD Loan Modification Directory

<http://mdod.maryland.gov/mdtap/Pages/Home-Mod-Directory.aspx>

- The Loan Closet of Howard County

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/disability-services>

- Rebuilding Together Howard County

<http://www.rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org/>

- Centers for Independent Living

# Centers for Independent Living

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Independent Living Assistive Technology (ILAT) Grant Program – The CIL's receive annual grant funds from DORS to assist individuals with disabilities purchase AT. The grant funds can be used for:

- Home modifications
- Vehicle modifications
- Assistive Technology (aids for daily living, environmental controls, Augmented and Alternative Communication (AAC), Hearing Aids and other devices that Medicaid/insurance does not cover.

# Assistive Technology Programs at ARI

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- ILAT Grant Program
- Statewide Ramp Loan Program
- AT Community Library
- Maryland Accessible Telecommunications (MAT) Evaluation Center
- CIL's Accessible Technology Resource Guide
- ARI's Assistive Technology Resource Guide

# ARI's Assistive Technology Grant Program

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Individuals may be eligible for funding assistance for their assistive technology and home modifications if they meet the following eligibility standards:

- Are an Anne Arundel or Howard County resident
- Have a significant disability
- Meet a financial needs test and provide a portion of matching funds
- Seek to live more independently
- A link to ARI's AT Grant Application can be found on our website @ [www.arinow.org](http://www.arinow.org)

# Statewide Ramp Loan Program

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- Portable Ramps were purchased by MDTAP with funds awarded from a grant from the Dana & Christopher Reeve Foundation.
- Ramps may be borrowed for 120 days. This program is meant to be a temporary solution for individuals with short term needs or while waiting for a permanent solution to be installed.
- Ramp sizes range from 2' to 12' in length.

# Other Resources for Home Modifications

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- The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development - Accessible Homes for Seniors Program
- Veteran's Administration



# Department of Housing & Community Development

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- Accessible Homes for Seniors: A financing program for accessibility improvements including the installation of grab bars and railings, widening of doorways and installation of ramps. Home improvements such as these represent for many people the key to remaining in their home and maintaining their independence

[DHCD.SpecialLoans@maryland.gov](mailto:DHCD.SpecialLoans@maryland.gov)

301.429.7409

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/ahsp/default.aspx>

# Veterans Affairs Programs for Home Accessibility

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- The Specially Adapted Housing Program
- Special Housing Adaptation Grants
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Independent Living Services
- Veterans Health Administration Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) grants

# Maryland Accessible Telecommunications (MAT) Program

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The MAT program, Maryland Accessible Telecommunications —provides assistive telecommunications equipment to qualified applicants who have difficulty using a standard telephone.

To qualify for equipment provided by the State, a MAT program participant must be:

- A Maryland resident who has difficulty using a standard telephone
- At least three years old
- Certified as being Deaf, hard of hearing, DeafBlind, blind, low vision or having cognitive, mobility or speech-related difficulties

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Questions?

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