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FUNDING HOUSING MODIFICATIONS

I. Programs

There are several different programs that exist to provide people with money to repair their homes. Each of these programs has separate qualification requirements. To be eligible for the grant or loan money, the applicant must meet these requirements. A brief description of some of these programs is listed below along with contact information.

A. Medi-Cal Home and Community Based Services Waivers

There are six home- and community-based waiver programs in California for persons who would otherwise qualify for Medi-Cal funded long-term care in a nursing facility (NF), subacute nursing facility, hospital or intermediate facility for developmentally disabled (ICF/DD). The purpose of the waiver is to provide extra services to a target population to support them in the community and increase independent living. All of the waivers cover minor architectural modifications and special equipment that Medi-Cal says it does not cover. The Appendix B chart describes the target population (i.e., the type of facility the waiver applicant or recipient would qualify for in the absence of waiver services) and specifies whether deeming is waived. Waiving deeming or "institutional deeming" means that children's eligibility is determined without regard to the resources and income of parents. If a person is married, the rules applicable to income and resources are the more favorable rules that apply if one member of the couple is in long-term care.

Waiver for persons with developmental disabilities – this waiver applies statewide and does not have a cap on the amount, though it is subject to some limitations. Applications are available through regional centers.

Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) – This waiver does not apply state wide, but rather only to specific counties. The waiver provides for environmental accessibility adaptations, minor home repairs, and non medical home equipment. Currently, there is no cap on the amount that is available to an individual under this waiver. Apply through individual county MSSP sites. For a list go to:

http://www.aging.state.ca.us/html/programs/mssp_contacts.htm.

1. AIDS Waiver – This waiver is not state wide, but only available in specific counties. Applications are available through local AIDS Waiver Agencies. See list in the Medi-Cal Inpatient-Outpatient Providers Manual <http://www.Medi-Cal.ca.gov>. Click on "User Guides," click on "Provider Manuals," click on "Inpatient-Outpatient," and then search for "AIDS Waiver Agency Directory."
2. Nursing Facility Level A & B Waiver – This waiver applies state wide and provides for environmental accessibility adaptations, limited to a one time payment with a maximum of \$5,000, subject to some exceptions. However, this money will be used to lessen the cost cap. Applications are available through In-Home Operations (IHO), Medical Care Coordination and Case Management Branch, Medi-Cal Operations Division within the Department of Health Services, (916) 324-5915, fax (888) 899-2492.
3. Nursing Facility Subacute – This applies state wide and provides for environmental accessibility adaptations, limited to a one time payment with a maximum of \$5,000, subject to exceptions. Applications are available through In-Home Operations.
4. In-Home Medical Care (hospital) Waiver – This applies state wide and provides for environmental accessibility adaptations, limited to a one time payment with a maximum of \$5,000, subject to exceptions. Applications are available through In-Home Operations

B. Veterans Administration (VA)

If you are a veteran with a permanent and total service-connected disability, you may be entitled to receive grants to help with housing modifications. Two examples of grants available through the VA are:

Up to \$50,000 for building, buying, or remodeling an adapted home (38 U.S.C. § 2102); or

A one-time grant of up to \$10,000 for special housing adaptations that the VA determines to be reasonably necessary (38 U.S.C. §§ 2101, 2102(b)).

To be eligible for a grant, you must be entitled to compensation for permanent and total service-connected disability and not have been dishonorably discharged. If you have already been determined to have a service-connected disability, apply for the grants through a VA regional office.

If you have not already been determined to have a service-connected disability, you can apply for service-connected disability benefits at your local VA office. VA claim form 21-526 is available at all VA regional offices and county Veterans' Service offices. When filing a claim with the VA for the first time, you should include a copy of your service discharge form (DD 214), which documents service dates and type of discharge. Or, simply give your full name, military service number, branch of service, and dates of service. Initial claims may include your statement and any medical or other documentation of your service-connected conditions.

The VA regional office will ask you for any additional information and schedule a compensation and pension (C&P) exam. The C&P exam will be at the VA medical facility nearest you. VA doctors who are specialists in the conditions you claim, and are not your treating physician, will examine you.

You and your representative have the right to a copy of the C&P exam reports.

In California, VA regional offices are located at:

California VA Regional Office	Counties Served by that office
Federal Building 11000 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90024 310-235-6199	Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura

California VA Regional Office	Counties Served by that office
1301 Clay Street, Rm. 1300N Oakland, CA 94612 510-637-1325 24-hour recording 510-974-0138	Northern California counties
2022 Camino Del Rio North San Diego, CA 92108 619-297-8220	Imperial, Riverside, and San Diego
1201 Terminal Way Reno, NV 89520 775-329-9244	Alpine, Lassen, Modoc and Mono
<i>The toll-free number for the statewide office (including the Reno regional office) is: 1-800-827-1000.</i>	

The Disabled American Veterans organization provides free assistance and counseling with VA claims.

Los Angeles (310) 477-2539; Oakland (510) 834-2921; San Diego (619) 299-6916; Reno (775) 784-5239. See, also, www.dav.org/veterans/claimshelp.html

C. Regional Center

For people with developmental disabilities and their families, the regional center may be a payor of last resort for home modifications that are required by a consumer's Individual Program Plan (IPP). This is in addition to services available under the DD Home and Community Based Waiver. The IPP contains a list of the consumer's goals and services. If removal of an architectural barrier or other home modification is necessary to reach one of a consumer's goals, the regional center may be obligated to pay for the modification if it is unable to get another agency to do so. Contact your local regional center to ask about details.

D. Department of Rehabilitation (DR)

DR may provide assistance in modifying or repairing your home if the repairs/modifications are necessary for the successful outcome of a client's vocational

rehabilitation. Calif. Code of Regs., Title 9 § 7174. This service is limited to removing barriers, constructing partitions, and installing other portable modular components necessary to assist a person to obtain or retain employment.

Contact the Assistive Technology Unit of the Department of Rehabilitation for information on assistive technology and home modification assistance at:

Phone Number	916-263-8679
Email address	atinfo@dor.ca.gov
Address	Department of Rehabilitation 2000 Evergreen Street Sacramento, CA 95815

E. Local community development projects

Many local communities provide residents with assistance to maintain their homes. These communities may use grant monies made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through its Office of Community Planning and Development. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is one of the grants given to local communities based upon a formula and the CDBG money may be used to help provide decent housing to persons with disabilities in order to remove architectural barriers.

A list of community based programs throughout the state of California is available from HUD's web site at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/index.cfm>

Information about the Office of Community Planning and Development is available at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/index.cfm> or by calling 202-708-2087.

Information about the local CDBG program may be obtained by calling HUD at 202-708-3587 or

Northern California HUD office in San Francisco
415-436-6597

Southern California HUD office in Los Angeles
213-894-8000

F. Victim Compensation Program

Under California law, the Victim Compensation Program provides that a victim who is permanently disabled as a direct result of a crime may be reimbursed for modifications to his or her home or vehicle. CA Govt. Code § 13965(a)(7). The Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board administers the VC Program. The Victim Compensation Board will reimburse payments to make both the car and the home accessible for qualified victims.

For more information, contact the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board at:

Phone Number	1-800-777-9229 Hearing impaired, please call the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929
Address	Victim Compensation Program (VCP) P.O. Box 3036 Sacramento, CA 95812-9912
Web site	http://www.boc.ca.gov

You may also contact the local Victim/Witness Assistance Center in you area. A list of Victim/Witness Assistance Centers is attached as Appendix C or you may visit the Victim Witness Organizations web page at:

<http://www.boc.ca.gov/vwlist.htm>.

You may also download an application at:

<http://www.boc.cahwnet.gov/VCAApp.htm>.

II. Additional Information

There are several places you can look to for information and referrals for programs for home modifications. A brief description of some of these referral organizations is listed below along with contact information.

A. Local Area Agency on Aging

Your local area agency on aging may be able to provide you referrals on programs for

home modifications. A list of agencies from the California Care Network's web page is attached as Appendix D or you may visit the California Department of Aging web site directly for the list of local assistance providers at:

http://www.aging.state.ca.us/html/programs/i_and_a_listing.htm.

B. California Care Network

The California Care Network is designed to help you find state-licensed disability and elder care services and facilities in California. Its Home and Community Services web page has generalized info on various home and community services. That web site provides links to other helpful sites and phone numbers. The web page may be viewed at:

http://www.calcarenet.ca.gov/home_community_services.asp.

C. National Resource Center on Supportive Housing and Home Modification

The National Resource Center on Supportive Housing and Home Modification has an informative web site that contains many links to local, state, and federal programs/agencies as well as to contractors and repair persons who may be able to assist you in completing your home modification. Their web site may be visited at:

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

APPENDIX A: Special Circumstance Grant County Contacts

COUNTY	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Alameda	Mildred Karstens	(510) 639-1269
Alpine	Lee-Ann Coyan	(530) 694-2235
Amador	Barbara Hale	(209) 223-6621
Butte	Tom Baughman	(530) 534-5745
Calaveras	Shirley Ryan	(209) 754-6724
Colusa	Donna Dennis	(530) 458-0492
Contra Costa	Lisa Braxton	(925) 313-1903
Del Norte	Byron Evans	(707) 464-3191
El Dorado	Matthew LePore	(530) 642-7341
Fresno	Chris Ortega	(559) 453-4483
Glenn	Dorothy Ehorn	(530) 934-6514, x145
Humboldt	Denise Landry	(707) 269-4123
Imperial	Lois Robertson	(760) 336-3945
Inyo	Liz Johnson	(760) 878-0337
Kern	Robin Garden	(661) 868-1095

COUNTY	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Kings	Marlene Chambers	(559) 582-3241, x4499
Lake	Reba McCauley	(707) 995-4247
Lassen	Elizabeth Novell	(530) 251-8153
Los Angeles	Iberra Nelson	(562) 908-3052
Los Angeles		(213) 368-4000
Madera	Janet Wallace	(559) 675-2374
Marin	Miriam Rimkeit	(415) 499-6026
Mariposa	Jill Braswell	(209) 966-2131
Mendocino	Kathleen Dolan	(707) 463-7812
Merced	Ernie Bong	(209) 385-7371
Modoc	Pauline Cravens	(530) 233-6501
Mono	Jan Priddy	(760) 934-3511
Monterey	Sue Appeal	(831) 755-8564
Napa	Richard Harry	(707) 259-8109
Nevada	Kathy Burns	(530) 470-2423
Orange	Ruth Daniel	(714) 435-4642

COUNTY	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Placer	Victoria McGregor	(916) 784-6031
Plumas	Anne Stokell	(530) 283-6052
Riverside	Karen Spencer	(909) 358-3052
Sacramento	Jeanette Taylor	(916) 874-9456
San Benito	Donna Elmhorst	(831) 636-4190
San Bernardino	Jeanine Chenault	(909) 891-3907
San Diego	Lupe Michel	(619) 515-6779
San Francisco	Tony Nicco	(415) 557-5140
San Joaquin	Joe Laraga	(209) 468-1625
San Luis Obispo	Laurie Wylie	(805) 788-2504
San Mateo	Robert Fucilla	(650) 573-2413
Santa Barbara	Pat Rodriguez	(805) 681-4611
Santa Clara	Jackie Garcia	(408) 928-3640
Santa Cruz	Anne Arce	(831) 454-4143
Shasta	Jim Livingston	(530) 225-6034
Sierra	Lori Wright	(530) 993-6725

COUNTY	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Siskiyou	Cheryl Rooks	(530) 841-4212
Solano	Deborah Loft	(707) 553-5111
Sonoma	Charlotte Marchetti	(707) 565-5868
Stanislaus	Lori Sage	(209) 558-2302
Sutter	Linda Brott	(530) 822-7227, x128
Tehama	Patricia Smith	(530) 528-4108
Trinity	Marilyn Fletcher	(530) 623-1265, x8237
Tulare	Rebecca Gutierrez	(559) 733-6111
Tuolumne	Cynthia Phillips	(209) 533-5793
Ventura	Wendy Fisch	(805) 652-7806
Yolo	Corkey Mapalo	(530) 661-2762
Yuba	Sondra Yorton	(530) 749-6420

APPENDIX B: Medi-Cal Home & Community Based Waivers

WHICH WAIVER?	NUMBER OF SLOTS	WAITING LIST?	TARGET POPULATION	TARGET FACILITY	DEEMING WAIVED?
DD	45,000	No	Dept. of DD for reg ctr eligibles	ICF/DD	yes
MSSP	11,700	No	65 & older	NF	no
IHMC	less than 300	No	all ages & disabled	90 days/yr hospital	no
SUBACUTE	685	yes	all ages & disabled	Subacute NF	yes
NF LEVEL A&B	450	yes	all ages & disabled	NF A&B	yes
AIDS	CA 3,100	No	adults CDC Clinical Categories A-3, B1-3, C1-3, symptomatic HIV or AIDS; separate rules for children under age 13	Hospital, Subacute NF, NF	no

APPENDIX C: Victim/Witness Assistance Centers

For the Victim/Witness Assistance Center nearest you, please call the phone number for your county listed below.

A

Alameda County District Attorney
(510) 272-6180

Alpine County
(530) 694-2192

Amador County District Attorney
(209) 223-6474

B

Butte County Probation
(530) 538-7340

C

Calaveras County District Attorney
(209) 754-6565

Colusa County Probation
(530) 458-0659

Contra Costa County Probation
(510) 374-3272 or
(510) 313-4170

D

Del Norte County District Attorney
(707) 464-7273

E

El Dorado County Probation
(530) 621-6492 or

(530) 573-3337

F

Fresno County Probation
(209) 488-3425

G

Glenn County HRA
Community Action Division
(530) 934-6510

H

Humboldt County District Attorney
(707) 445-7417

I

Imperial County Probation
(760) 339-4357

Inyo County District Attorney
(760) 878-0282

K

Kern County Probation
(805) 868-4535

Kings County Probation
(209) 582-3211 x 2640

L

Lake County District Attorney
(707) 262-4282

Los Angeles City Attorney
(213) 485-6976

Los Angeles County District Attorney
(213) 974-7499

M

Madera County
Action Committee, Inc.
(209) 661-1000

Marin County District Attorney
(415) 499-6450

Mariposa County District Attorney
(209) 742-7441
Mendocino County District Attorney
(707) 463-4218

Merced County District Attorney
(209) 725-3515

Modoc County District Attorney
(530) 233-6212

Mono County District Attorney
(760) 924-5424

Monterey County District Attorney
(408) 755-5072 or
(408) 647-7772

N

Napa County Volunteer Center
(707) 252-6222

Nevada County Probation
(530) 265-1246

O

Orange County Community

Services Program, Inc.
(949) 975-0254

P

Placer County District Attorney
(530) 889-5790

Plumas County Probation
(530) 283-6285

R

Riverside County District Attorney
(909) 955-5450

S

Sacramento County District Attorney
(916) 874-5701

San Benito County District Attorney
(408) 637-8244

San Bernardino County
District Attorney
(909) 891-3509

San Diego County District Attorney
(619) 531-4041

San Francisco County
District Attorney
(415) 553-9044

San Joaquin County
District Attorney
(209) 468-2500

San Luis Obispo County
District Attorney
(805) 781-5821

San Mateo County Probation

(650) 363-7809 or

(650) 877-5494

Santa Barbara County

District Attorney

(805) 568-2400

Santa Clara County-NCCJ

(408) 295-2656

Santa Cruz County District Attorney

(831) 454-2010

Shasta County Probation

(530) 225-5220

Sierra County Probation

(530) 993-4617

Siskiyou County District Attorney

(530) 842-8229

Solano County District Attorney

(707) 421-6844 or

(707) 553-5400

Sonoma County Probation

(707) 527-2002

Stanislaus County District Attorney

(209) 525-5550

Sutter County District Attorney

(530) 822-7345

T

Tehama County District Attorney

(530) 527-4296

Trinity County Probation
(530) 623-1205

Tulare County District Attorney
(209) 733-6754

Tuolumne County District Attorney
(209) 533-5642

V

Ventura County District Attorney
(805) 654-3622

Y

Yolo County District Attorney
(530) 666-8187

Yuba County Probation
(530) 741-6275

APPENDIX D: LOCAL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

CONTACT NUMBERS

The following is a listing, by county,
of Area Agencies on Aging throughout California:

Alameda	(510) 567-8040	Alpine	(209) 532-6272
Amador	(209) 532-6272	Butte	(530) 898-5961
Calaveras	(209) 532-6272	Colusa	(530) 898-5961
Contra Costa	(925) 335-8700	Del Norte	(707) 442-3763
El Dorado	(530) 621-6150	Fresno	(559) 488-3821
Glenn	(530) 898-5961	Humboldt	(707) 442-3763
Imperial	(760) 339-6283	Inyo	(760) 873-6364
Kern	(661) 861-2445	Kings	(559) 737-4682
Lake	(707) 462-1954	Lassen	(530) 842-1687
Los Angeles (County)	(213) 738-4004	Los Angeles (City)	(213) 368-4000
Madera	(559) 488-3821	Marin	(415) 499-7396
Mariposa	(209) 532-6272	Mendocino	(707) 462-1954
Merced	(209) 385-7550	Modoc	(530) 842-1687
Mono	(760) 873-6364	Monterey	(831) 755-8490
Napa	(707) 644-6612	Nevada	(916) 486-1876
Orange	(714) 567-7555	Placer	(916) 486-1876
Plumas	(530) 898-5961	Riverside	(909) 697-4697

Sacramento	(916) 486-1876	San Benito	(831) 688-0400
San Bernardino	(909) 891-3900	San Diego	(858) 495-5885
San Francisco	(415) 864-6051	San Joaquin	(209) 468-2202
San Luis Obispo	(805) 925-9554	San Mateo	(650) 573-2700
Santa Barbara	(805) 925-9554	Santa Clara	(408) 296-8290
Santa Cruz	(831) 688-0400	Shasta	(530) 842-1687
Sierra	(916) 486-1876	Siskiyou	(530) 842-1687
Solano	(707) 644-6612	Sonoma	(707) 565-5950
Stanislaus	(209) 558-7825	Sutter	(916) 486-1876
Tehama	(530) 898-5961	Trinity	(530) 842-1687
Tulare	(559) 737-4682	Tuolumne	(209) 532-6272
Ventura	(805) 477-7300	Yolo	(916) 486-1876
Yuba	(916) 486-1876		

APPENDIX E: REGIONAL CENTERS BY COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA

Regional Centers	Executive Director	Areas served
Alta California Regional Center – Sacramento, CA	Yolande Bestgen, Acting 916-978-6400	Alpine, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties
Central Valley Regional Center – Fresno, CA	David Riester 559-276-4300	Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare Counties
Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center – Alhambra, CA	Gloria Wong 626-299-4700	Eastern Los Angeles County incl Alhambra and Whittier
Far Northern Regional Center – Redding, CA	Laura Larson 530-222-4791	Butte, Glen., Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity
Frank Lanterman Regional Center – Los Angeles, CA	Diane Campbell Anand 213-383-1300	Central Los Angeles incl Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena
Golden Gate Regional Center – San Francisco, CA	James Shorter 415-546-9222	Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo
Harbor Regional Center – Torrance, CA	Patricia Del Monico 310-540-1711	Southern LA counties incl Bellflower, Harbor, Long Beach and Torrance
Inland Regional Center – San Bernardino, CA	Mary Lynn Clark 909-890-3000	Riverside and San Bernardino
Kern Regional Centers – Bakersfield, CA	Michael C Clark 661-327-8531	Inyo, kern, and Mono
North Bay Regional Center – Napa, CA	Nancy Gardner 707-256-1100	Napa, Solano, and Sonoma
North Los Angeles County Regional Center – Van Nuys, CA	George Stevens 818-778-1900	Northern LA County incl San Fernando and Antelope Valley
Redwood Coast Regional Center – Eureka, Ca	Phil Bonnet 707-4450893	Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Lake

Regional Centers	Executive Director	Areas served
Regional Center of the East Bay – Oakland, CA	James Burton 510-383-1200	Alameda and Contra Costa
Regional Center of Orange County -	William Bowman 714-796-5100	Orange County
San Andreas Regional Center – Campbell, CA	Santi J. Rogers 408-374-9960	Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz
San Diego Regional Center – San Diego, CA	Raymond Peterson 858-576-2996	Imperial and San Diego
San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center – Pomona, CA	R. Keith Penman 909-620-7722	Eastern Los Angeles incl El Monte, Monrovia, Pomona, Glendora
South Central Los Angeles Regional Center – Los Angeles, CA	Dexter Henderson 213-744-7000	Southern Los Angeles County incl Compton and Gardena
Tri-Counties Regional Center – Santa Barbara, Ca	Omar Noorzad 805-962-7881	San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura
Valley Mountain Regional Center – Stockton, CA	Richard W. Jacobs 209-473-0951	Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne
Westside Regional Center – Culver City, CA	Michael Danneker 310-258-4000	Western Los Angeles County incl Culver City, Inglewood, and Santa Monica

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