

The City of Alameda Fire Department assists eligible seniors and persons with disabilities in making modifications to their residence to ensure a home has fire safety alarms, and helping the individual attain greater mobility and remain safely in their home. The Program focuses on the person's most immediate needs as they relate to improving safety and accessibility.

ELIGIBILITY

- Alameda residents age 62 or older or persons with disabilities
- Annual household income less than 80% of the median
- Property to be modified is the applicant's primary residence
- For persons with disabilities, a physician or health care provider verification
- If rental property, the landlord's written approval of modifications
- Program participants may receive up to \$5,000 in repairs and modifications.

ALLOWABLE MODIFICATIONS

- Installation of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, nightlights, and other fire and fall safety devices
- Installation of bathroom grab-bars, or raised toilet fixtures
- Construction of wheelchair ramps
- Widening doorways
- Walkway construction
- Hearing Assistance devices for doorbells, telephone ringers or smoke detectors (strobe indicators)

HOW IT WORKS

- Call (510) 337-2133 to confirm eligibility and receive an application
- Complete and return application
- Application is reviewed for eligibility
- Evaluation is scheduled, minor fire and fall safety devices are installed
- Accessibility scope of work is developed and contractor is selected
- Work is completed then approved and paid for by the City

PROGRAM PROVIDES

- Fire and fall safety information
- Property inspection
- Preparation of detailed scope of work
- Fire and fall safety devices and modifications
- Cost estimating and contractor procurement processes
- Construction and contractor management
- Referral to other community resources as needed
- Annual follow up visits and replacement of smoke carbon monoxide detector batteries

PROVISIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If any person with an interest in participating in a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) / HOME program and is a person with a disability as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974 who requires an accommodation to participate or take interest, that person must make a request for accommodation to Susie Brown, 510.747.4316 or email sbrown@ci.alameda.ca.us. Such request shall include a description of the accommodation sought, along with a statement of the impairment that necessitates the accommodation. Any request for accommodation shall be reviewed and a response provided within five business days of receipt of such request. Notice of any accommodation granted will be promptly provided to the requester. Please contact the City at (510) 747-4316 (Voice) (510) 522-8467 (TDD) or e-mail sbrown@ci.alameda.ca.us to request any other reasonable accommodations that may be necessary. The CDBG/HOME Section 504 coordinator is Michael T. Pucci. Mr. Pucci can be reached at (510)747-4325 or mpucci@alamedahsg.org. A copy of the City's 504 grievance procedure can be found online at www.alamedahsg.org.

PROVISIONS FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING RESIDENTS

The City of Alameda has a network of employees speaking some 45 languages who can act as interpreters for residents seeking information regarding CDBG/HOME programs. If notified five business days in advance, the City will arrange to have an interpreter available. Please contact the City at (510) 747-4316 (Voice) (510) 522-8467 (TDD) or e-mail (sbrown@ci.alameda.ca.us).

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The City of Alameda does not discriminate against any persons on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or age, per Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Section 109.

