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Rental Accessibility Modification Program (RAMP)

Purpose: To assist low- and moderate- income tenants with physical disabilities in completing accessibility modifications to their residences. The maximum lifetime assistance amount under the RAMP is \$50,000.

Area Served: Rental property occupied by individuals or families receiving assistance under this program must be located within the corporate limits of the City of Alexandria and may include single-family detached, semi-detached, duplex, row house or apartment; under fee simple, condominium or cooperative forms of ownership.

Eligibility Criteria: Physically disabled renters with incomes at or below the maximum limits of the federal Section 8 Program, by family size, with at least one household member who has a disability.

Description: This program provides grants of up to \$50,000 for primary residence modifications that are necessary to accommodate the particular circumstances of the disabled member of the household. A separate component of the RAMP establishes a “mini-grant”, under which applicant households needing limited modifications (for example, installation of bathroom grab bars or specialized fixtures) may request a grant of up to \$1,500, based on a privately provided written estimate of the work to be performed. Under this component, the City will make direct payments to the vendor providing the modification. Landlords are encouraged to deem any modifications to be permanent improvements to the rehabilitated rental property. The RAMP program is funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, while the mini-grants program receives funding through the City's Housing Trust Fund.

Additional Information: Each applicant must complete the Rental Accessibility Modification Program application. Income and Asset information must be provide by all residents of the rental unit to be improved under the Rental Accessibility Modification Program.

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