



Dear Applicant:

Because of your expressed interest in accessible modifications in your home, we are pleased to send you the enclosed application packet. Self-Determination Housing Project of PA (SDHP) has received a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED). The PA Accessible Housing Program funds accessible modifications for persons with permanent disabilities living in Pennsylvania. **The purpose of this program is to make physical modifications to homes in order to increase accessibility and prevent institutionalization.**

Eligible applicants can own or rent their home, but if the home is being rented, the landlord must approve in writing the modifications to be made. Home modifications may include but are not limited to any of the following:

- Modifications to the exterior of the home, such as ramps, lifts, door widening or door replacement that will improve the ability of a person with a disability to enter or exit the home.
- Modifications within the home, such as widening hallways, lowering kitchen counters, enlarging bathrooms, adding grab bars, etc. that will increase the ability of a person with a disability to perform activities of daily living.
- Other modifications that will enable a person with a disability to remain in the home and prevent institutionalization.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to modify units owned or operated by public housing authorities or a facility licensed by the Department of Public Welfare, to correct code violations, or to build additions to the existing home.

The packet includes an application form, confidentiality policy and authorization for release form. **Please complete the enclosed application with the necessary supporting documents and send them to:**

SDHP  
717 E. Lancaster Avenue  
Downingtown, PA 19335

**Completed applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis, based on the date and time received by SDHP, until the funds have been spent.** A completed application means that SDHP has received all the documentation needed to process your application. You will be notified by SDHP as to your place on the waiting list. SDHP will not honor any work that has been done prior to SDHP approval.

If you have any questions regarding the program or enclosed application, please contact Celia Jenkins 610-873-9595 or 1-877-550-7347, or email at [Celia@sdhp.org](mailto:Celia@sdhp.org)

Sincerely

*Celia Jenkins*