

SHARP GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility criteria

The program shall be for older adults age 60 or above who are assessed to have impairment, physical limitation, disability or combination of Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) deficits. Recipients of the program shall own and reside in the homes they applied for home modification. It will be on a first come first serve basis but consideration shall be given to those with more severe disabilities and immediate health needs. Those who are institutionalized and living in group homes and other facilities are not eligible for grants.

Eligibility

- a. Must be sixty years old and over
- b. A significant combination of ADL/IADL and/or certified disability
- c. Greatest economic need/low income and social need
- d. Owner occupant
- e. Resident of Maui County

ADL/IADL determination.

A client assessment will be made to determine the elderly's physical and health limitations based on the Activities of Daily Living/Instrumental Activities of Daily Living. Rating will be based on a uniform standard assessment form. A significant finding of deficits will qualify applicants. A certification from a physician or qualified health care professional will be accepted as a proof of disability.

Income determination

Low income means having an income at or below the federally defined poverty level. This is the same as "greatest economic need".

The determination of income will be limited to the applicant and his or her spouse. The following types of income shall be included in computing gross annual income:

- a. All expected salaries, wages, bonuses, commissions, etc. from employment received by applicant and spouse.
- b. The full amount of periodic payments expected to be received from social security, annuities, retirement funds, welfare benefits, pensions, disability or death benefits, and other similar types of periodic receipts.
- c. Expected payments in lieu of earnings such as, unemployment and disability compensation and severance pay.
- d. Periodic and determinable allowances, such as alimony and regular contributions or gifts expected to be received from other persons.
- e. Income that the applicant or spouse living in the dwelling is expected to receive from assets, when such assets exceeds \$5,000.00

The following types of income shall not be included in computing gross annual income:

- a. Spouse's income if spouse (1) does not reside in the home, (2) does not contribute towards payment of applicant's household expenses and (3) does not intend to return to the home.
- b. In case of mortgages or Deeds of Trust held by the applicant, the principal portion received by the applicant
- c. The value of coupon allotments for the purchase of food pursuant to Food Stamp Act of 1964 which is in excess of the amount actually charged the eligible household.
- d. Casual, sporadic or irregular gifts
- e. Lump-sum additions to family assets such as inheritances, capital gains, insurance payments included under health, accidents, hazard or worker's compensation policies and settlements for personal or property losses
- f. Amounts which are granted specifically for or in reimbursements of the cost of medical expenses. Medical expenses may include those expenses incurred by handicapped persons so that they may live independently (e.g. attendant care)

In the assessment of income, expenditures that place the applicant undue hardship will be taken into account in computing eligible income to qualify for the program.

Owner occupant

The recipient should show proof of ownership of the home that will be modified.

Type of modification

The home modification can be classified as minor such as installing grab bars, handrails, better lighting, handheld showers, and lever handles. Major modifications include ramp, widening doorways, roll in showers and lower counter tops. The modifications that shall be allowed under the provision of a grant shall be the following:

- a. Walk/roll in shower
- b. Grab bars in the shower
- c. Rubber strips in the shower, by the toilet and in the tub
- d. Hand-held flexible shower head
- e. Adjustable shower seat
- f. Lever door handles and faucets that operate easily
- g. Changing doorknobs with lever door handles
- h. Lever handed faucets
- i. Handrails on both sides of hallways, staircase and outside steps
- j. Changing, modifying or adding light fixtures
- k. Installation of detachable equipments, if permanent improvements could not be adequately or economically made
- l. Installation of ramps
- m. Door widening
- n. Adjusting height of fixtures
- o. Sliding shelves and lazy Susan on corner cabinet
- p. C or D ring handles on cabinet doors and drawers for easy gripping
- q. Removal of carpet
- r. Garbage removal for storage enhancement