

# Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

## Home Modification

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### Home Modification Programs - Department of Veterans Affairs

Department of Veterans Affairs

1-877-827-3702 (Toll Free)

Email: [sahinfo.vbaco@va.gov](mailto:sahinfo.vbaco@va.gov)

[www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp)

**Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grant:** SAH grants help veterans with certain service-connected disabilities live independently in a barrier-free environment. SAH grants can be used in one of the following ways:

- Construct a specially adapted home on land to be acquired.
- Build a home on land already owned if it is suitable for specially adapted housing.
- Remodel an existing home if it can be made suitable for specially adapted housing.
- Apply the grant against the unpaid principal mortgage balance of an adapted home already acquired without the assistance of a VA grant.

**Special Home Adaptation (SHA) Grant:** SHA grants help veterans with certain service-connected disabilities adapt or purchase a home to accommodate the disability. You can use SHA grants in one of the following ways:

- Adapt an existing home the veteran or a family member already owns in which the veteran lives.
- Adapt a home the veteran or family member intends to purchase in which the veteran will live.
- Help a veteran purchase a home already adapted in which the Veteran will live.

**Temporary Residence Adaptation (TRA):** A temporary grant may be available to SAH/SHA eligible Veterans and Servicemembers who are or will be temporarily residing in a home owned by a family member.

- The TRA grant will not be deducted from the total grant funds available to a veteran or Servicemember.
- The TRA grant will be deducted from one of the three usages available to the veteran or Servicemember.

**Home Improvements and Structural Alterations Grant (HISA)** – This grant provides medically necessary improvements and structural alterations to veterans/Servicemembers' primary residence for the following purposes: allowing entrance to or exit from their homes; use of essential lavatory and sanitary facilities (e.g. roll in showers); allowing accessibility to kitchen or bathroom sinks or counters (e.g. lowering counters/sinks); improving entrance paths or driveways in immediate area of the home to facilitate access to the home through construction of permanent ramping; and improving plumbing or electrical systems made necessary due to installation of home medical equipment. For more info, visit [www.prosthetics.va.gov/psas/HISA2.asp](http://www.prosthetics.va.gov/psas/HISA2.asp).

### Paralyzed Veterans of America

Architecture & Accessible Design

202-416-7645 (V)

Email: [pvaarchitecture@pva.org](mailto:pvaarchitecture@pva.org)

[www.pva.org/accessible-design](http://www.pva.org/accessible-design)

Seeks to promote an accessible, barrier-free environment for all veterans and people with disabilities. On-staff architects, who are specialized in accessible design and have extensive experience in all aspects of architecture, are available to provide design assistance to veterans.

## Rebuilding Together Montgomery County - Veterans Housing Initiative

18225-A Flower Hill Way

Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Email: [info@rebuildingtogethermc.org](mailto:info@rebuildingtogethermc.org)

<https://www.rebuildingtogethermc.org>

301-947-9400 (V)

Nonprofit organization that works in partnership with community volunteers to provide free home repairs and accessibility modifications to help low-income homeowners remain safely and independently in their homes. The program is designed to help those who have no other means to complete needed repairs. Repairs can include minor plumbing and electrical work; roofing, floor, wall, and ceiling repairs; energy efficiency and weatherization; some (limited) interior and exterior painting, installation of grab bars and buildings of ramps; trash removal and yard work. From time to time, Rebuilding Together will receive grant funding that is to be used specifically for Veterans or military service members. Please indicate on the application if you have served in the military.