Make Your Home Safe For Independent Living

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What is HAFI?

- Home Adaptations for Independence (HAFI)
- Financial assistance for eligible homeowners and tenants
- Helps low-income seniors and people with disabilities remain in the comfort of their home
- Promotes safe and independent living
How is HAFI Funded?

- Launched in January 2012
- The HAFI program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia
Eligibility

- You may be eligible for assistance if you are a low-income senior or person with a disability
- Living in your own home or in market rental accommodation
- If you are an eligible tenant, you and your landlord will need to apply together
- You must meet all eligibility requirements
Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for assistance, you must meet the following requirements:

- You are a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and reside in B.C.
- You have a permanent disability or loss of ability that makes daily activities difficult
- The adaptations you are seeking are related to your disability or loss of ability
- Your total household income and assets are below the limits established

For a detailed list of eligibility criteria, visit BC Housing’s website
What Adaptations are Eligible?

- All adaptations should be permanent and fixed to the home

For example:
- Handrails in hallways or stairways
- Ramps for ease of access
- Easy to reach work and storage areas in the kitchen
- Lever handles on doors
- Walk-in showers or grab bars
- Bathtub grab bars and seats
What Items are Not Eligible?

- Here are examples of items that are **not** eligible:
  - Supportive care
  - Portable aids such as walkers
  - Household appliances
  - Repairs to roofs and furnaces or maintenance work
What Financial Assistance is Available?

- Up to $20,000 per home
- Additional assistance for common area modifications for strata and rental units
- Additional assistance for underlying deficiencies for homeowners
- Assistance is in the form of a grant or forgivable loan - depending on the amount
How Do I Apply?

- To receive financial assistance, you must:
  - Qualify for the HAFI program and
  - Your application must be approved
- Start by getting a copy of the application guide
- **3 Easy Steps:**
  1. **Download the application form and guide from** [www.bchousing.org/HAFI](http://www.bchousing.org/HAFI)
  2. **Call BC Housing** at 604-646-7055 and ask for forms to be mailed to you
  3. **Visit any BC Housing Office** in person
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