

# Make Your Home Safe For Independent Living

Karen Sandhu, HAFI Program

HOME  
ADAPTATIONS *for*  
INDEPENDENCE



# 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

# Need More Information?

HOME  
ADAPTATIONS *for*  
INDEPENDENCE

*For more information, contact:*

**HAFI**

**BC Housing**

Suite 1701-4555 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 0A3

Phone: **604-433-2218**

Fax: **604-439-8550**

Toll-free: **1-800-257-7756 (ext. 18453)**

**[www.bchousing.org/HAFI](http://www.bchousing.org/HAFI)**



# Thank You

## HOME ADAPTATIONS *for* INDEPENDENCE

