



HOME LOAN GUARANTY

SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING PROGRAM

The Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) program offers grants to certain Servicemembers and Veterans with severe service-connected disabilities to assist them in building, remodeling, or purchasing an adapted home.

WHAT IS A SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING (SAH) GRANT?

The SAH grant is designed to help disabled Veterans by providing a barrier-free living environment, such as a wheelchair accessible home, that affords them a level of independent living they may not otherwise enjoy. Veterans and Servicemembers with specific service-connected disabilities may be entitled to a grant for the purpose of constructing or modifying a home to meet their adaptive needs, up to the current maximum of \$85,645.

The SAH grant is available to certain Veterans and Servicemembers who are entitled to VA disability compensation due to:

- Loss or loss of use of both lower extremities, such as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair, or
- Blindness in both eyes, plus loss or loss of use of one lower extremity, or
- Loss or loss of use of one lower extremity together with (1) residuals of organic disease or injury, or (2) the loss or loss of use of one upper extremity, affecting balance or propulsion as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair or,
- Loss or loss of use of both upper extremities at or above the elbows, or
- A severe burn injury.

WHAT IS A SPECIAL HOUSING ADAPTATION (SHA) GRANT?

The SHA grant can be used to increase the mobility of eligible Veteran and Servicemembers throughout their residences. Veterans and Servicemembers with specific service-connected disabilities may be entitled to this type of grant, up to the current maximum of \$17,130.

The SHA grant is available to certain Veterans and Servicemembers who are entitled to disability compensation due to:

- Blindness in both eyes with 20/200 visual acuity or less in the better eye with the use of a standard correcting lens or,
- The anatomical loss or loss of use of both hands or extremities below the elbow, or
- A severe burn injury.



Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits



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WHAT IS A TEMPORARY RESIDENCE ASSISTANCE (TRA) GRANT?

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 maximum amount available to adapt a family member's home for the SAH grant is \$37,597 and for the SHA grant is \$6,713.

OTHER VA PROGRAMS

Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) Grant

Veterans and Servicemembers may receive assistance for any home improvement necessary for the continuation of treatment or for disability access to the home and essential lavatory and sanitary facilities. A Veteran may receive a HISA grant in conjunction with either a SAH or SHA grant. The HISA program is available for both Veterans with service-connected disabilities and Veterans with non-service-connected disabilities.

- Home improvement benefits up to \$6,800 may be provided to Veterans with service-connected disabilities, and up to \$2,000 may be provided to Veterans with non-service-connected disabilities.

Please visit www.prosthetics.va.gov/HISA2.asp to learn more about HISA grants.

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) - Independent Living (IL) Adaptations

VR&E sponsored Independent Living services may be provided to individuals who are not currently able to work because of the effects of service-connected disabilities. Provided services are limited to those required to improve independence at home and in the community, and may include home adaptations.

- Home adaptation benefits up to \$85,645 may be provided to Veterans with service-connected disabilities as part of an approved Independent Living Plan.

Please visit www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/independent_living.asp to learn more about VR&E IL grants.

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

You can apply by completing VA Form 26-4555, *Veterans Application in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing or Special Home Adaptation Grant*, and submitting it to your local VA Regional Loan Center. You may also apply online; please visit the Veteran's portal at www.ebenefits.va.gov to register and submit an application for Specially Adapted Housing benefits.

Please visit www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/sah.asp to learn more about SAH grants.

For more information, call toll-free 1-877-827-3702 or visit Our Web Site at www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/sah.asp