

# Barrier Removal Program

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The City of Sarasota and Sarasota County Government working in partnership to provide services.



## WHAT IS THE BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM?

A program designed to provide financial assistance to eligible homeowners to make modifications to their home to allow them to live independently. Eligible homeowners can receive up to \$15,000 in financial assistance for home improvements.

## ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Installing wheel chair ramps
- Widening doorways
- Installing accessible door handles
- Modifying bathrooms
- Installing accessible cabinets
- Installing buzzing or flashing devices

## WHAT ARE THE LOAN TERMS?

The first \$3,000 in assistance is a grant that does not have to be repaid. If the improvements cost more than \$3,000, the homeowner can borrow an additional \$12,000 at a 0% interest rate with no monthly payments. If the homeowner continues to live in the home, \$3,000 of that loan will be forgiven each year and the loan is totally forgiven in four years.

## WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

- An adult living in the home who requires independent living services in order to remain in the home and has a disabling condition OR an adult who receives Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Veterans Disability Payments.
- The applicant must be owner of the home and the home must be their primary residence.
- The total household income must not exceed the income limits shown on the adjacent table
- The home must be located in Sarasota County.
- The current value of the home must be less than \$272,195 as determined by the Sarasota Property Appraiser.

## HOW CAN I APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM?

Contact the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development at (941)263-6312.

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## INCOME LIMITS FOR THE PROGRAM

The chart below lists maximum eligible gross incomes by household size:

### Household Size   Maximum Income

1 person	\$39,700
2 persons	\$45,400
3 persons	\$51,050
4 persons	\$56,700
5 persons	\$61,250
6 persons	\$65,800
7 persons	\$70,350
8 persons	\$74,850
9 persons	\$79,408
10 persons	\$83,946

### Income limits effective May/June 2019.

Income limits may change, please call for the latest information.

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