



What are Specially Adapted Housing Grants?

Veterans who have specific service-connected disabilities may be entitled to a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of constructing an adapted home or modifying an existing home to meet the veteran's needs. The goal of the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grant Program is to provide a barrier-free living environment which affords the veteran a level of independent living that he or she may not have otherwise enjoyed.

What Types of Grants are Available?

There are three types of grants administered by VA, which are available to assist severely disabled veterans in adapting housing to meet their special needs.

- The Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant is generally used to create a wheelchair accessible home. This grant currently is currently limited to \$50,000.
- The Special Home Adaptations (SHA) grant is generally used to assist veterans with mobility throughout their homes. This grant is currently limited to \$10,000.
- A Temporary Grant (TRA) is now available to eligible veterans temporarily residing in a home owned by a family member. Veterans eligible for an SAH grant would be permitted to use up to \$14,000 and those veterans eligible for an SHA grant would be permitted to use up to \$2,000 of the maximum grant amounts.

NOTE: Veterans who have prior grant usage of less than the current maximum amounts may be entitled to the difference. Although a veteran may use his or her benefits up to a total of three times, the aggregate amount of assistance cannot exceed the maximum amounts allowable.

Who Is Eligible?

The SAH grant is available to veterans who have service-connected disability due to military service, entitling them to compensation for permanent and total disability due to:

- The 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, having only light perception, plus loss or loss of use of one lower extremity, or
- The 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, which so affects the functions of balance or propulsion as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair or,
- The loss, or loss of use of both upper extremities such as to preclude use of the arms at or above the elbow.

The SHA grant is available to veterans who have service-connected disability due to military service, entitling them to compensation for permanent and total disability due to:

- Blindness in both eyes with 5/200 visual acuity or less or,
- The anatomical loss or loss of use of both hands, or extremities below the elbow.

What is Needed to Verify Eligibility?

The current or most recent VA Rating Decision issued by the Veterans Service Center of jurisdiction establishes the veteran's basic eligibility for Specially Adapted Housing grants. A notice of eligibility for specially adapted housing will be sent to the veteran

Related Benefits

The SAH and SHA grants can be used in conjunction with other VA benefit programs, including:

- The Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance program through the VA Insurance Center
- The VA Guaranteed Home Loan, and Native American Direct Loan programs through VA Loan Guaranty Service
- The Independent Living initiative through the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service
- The Home Improvement and Structural Alterations program through the Prosthetics & Sensory Aids Service (Veterans Health Administration)

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