



2025 Accessibility Home Improvement Program

Stewartville Economic Development Authority

Program Intent

Stewartville's Economic Development Authority (EDA) was established to attract, promote, and develop an economically sound future for the City.

The EDA continues to be a professional advocate for the business community; they provide ideas, information, financial packaging, and expertise in business development and retention. The EDA's objective is to make Stewartville an even better place to live, work, and do business.

The EDA established this program with the intention to empower individuals with disabilities and elderly community members by enhancing the safety, comfort, and functionality of their homes. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by these groups, the program provides tailored support to help them live independently and with dignity in their own spaces.

The program prioritizes individuals with limited financial means, focusing on equity and inclusion. By addressing physical barriers and fostering independence, the Accessibility Home Improvement Program aims to build a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive in a home environment that supports their specific needs.

Program Funding

\$10,000 total has been designated for the program

The program will accept applications starting **March 1st, 2025**. Applications will be reviewed in the order they were received. No applications will be accepted after **August 1st, 2025**.

Match Requirement: 25% of total project cost

Minimum Grant Project: \$1,000

Option 1 - Hired Contractors

- Up to **\$5,000**
- Requires two estimates of an equivalent project scope for project completion

Option 2 - DIY Projects

- Up to **\$2,500**
- Requires two material lists for the same project scope used for project completion

NO WORK MAY BEGIN PRIOR TO EDA APPROVAL

All projects **must** be completed with submitted invoices and completion photos on or before **December 31st, 2025**. Any projects not completed and/or submitted for reimbursement by that time will not be eligible for reimbursement irrespective of approval.

Eligibility & Project List

Eligible Properties:

- Eligible properties must be zoned residential
- Applicants must be a homeowner
- Must provide documented disability or medical need requiring accessibility modifications
- Home must be structurally suitable for modifications
- Must meet 50% AMI to qualify

****Homeowners are eligible to apply for only one EDA program per calendar year.****

Please note: Property must not have any outstanding obligations to the City (including delinquent payments or property taxes), applicant must own the property and project must have all required permits and approvals (if necessary).

Eligible Projects:

Interior:

- Widened doorways and hallways
- Grab bars and handrails
- Non-slip flooring
- Roll-in showers
- Lowered countertops and sinks
- Lever-style door handles and faucets
- Stairlifts

Exterior:

- Ramps
- Pathways
- Handrails
- Covered entrances

Application Process

1. Submission of Application

- All applications will be reviewed in the order they were received
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted
- Email your completed application and photos over to Sandra Drees at sdrees@stewartvillemn.com

2. Application Review

- The application will be reviewed by City staff and the EDA Finance Committee for recommendation to bring to the EDA Board

3. Application Decision

- Once the application has been given official recommendation, the application will be added to the agenda for the next EDA meeting
- EDA will approve or deny your application at the next scheduled meeting - it is recommended that you attend to present your project

4. Project Work

- Once the application is approved - you may now start work on the project

5. Reimbursement

- When the project is completed, you will need to provide the City with pictures of the completed project and a copy of the "Paid Invoice"
- Once you submit these items, Council will approve your reimbursement check at the next meeting
- Please reach out to Sandra Drees if you would prefer to have your check mailed out to you or if you would prefer to pick it up at City Hall

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Parcel ID # (Found on tax statement) _____

Project Summary:

Total Project Cost: _____ Total Amt. Requested: _____
(75% of Total Project Cost)

Applicant Certification

We, the undersigned certify that the information submitted is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge, that we have read, understand, and will comply with the program guidelines. We understand that this application will be reviewed based on the information provided herein and that if the final project does not meet minimum program guidelines, the City reserves the right to deny payment. We confirm that if approved, the City may use the approved business' name and information in promotional/publicity materials, events, etc. But for the assistance provided through this program by the Stewartville Economic Development Authority, we would not have the resources to complete this project or to complete this project to the extent that we will with assistance.

Name/Title (Printed)

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Signature Date

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2025 Accessibility Home Improvement Program Application Checklist:

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Required Application Documentation

- Completed and signed application form with disability documentation
- Cost estimates from two different vendors/stores for equivalent project scope (We encourage you to do business local!)
- Project plans
- Picture of property BEFORE work begins
- Email confirmation from City Clerk that project is compliant with permitting and ordinances (croeder@stewartvillemn.com)

Required Application Documentation

- Picture of property after the project is completed
- Proof of payment - paid invoice, receipt, etc.

Local Financing Options

Should you wish to explore financing options for your project, the following local banks are willing to consider applications.

*Please note, a conversation with or application to one of these banks does not automatically result in approval. All terms and evaluations of applications will be negotiated by and with the individual bank personnel/committees. Furthermore, the listing of banks is provided in alphabetical order. It does not indicate a level of preference or performance.

Bremer Bank

Contact: Mike Rainey

Email: MARainey@bremer.com

First Farmers and Merchants Bank

Contact: Dave Feddersen

Email: davidfeddersen@ffmbank.com

Eagle Rock Bank

Contact: Josh Buckmeier

Email: jbuckmeier@eaglerock.bank

First Alliance Credit Union

Contact: Rosalina Fombuena

Email: rfombuena@firstalliancecu.com