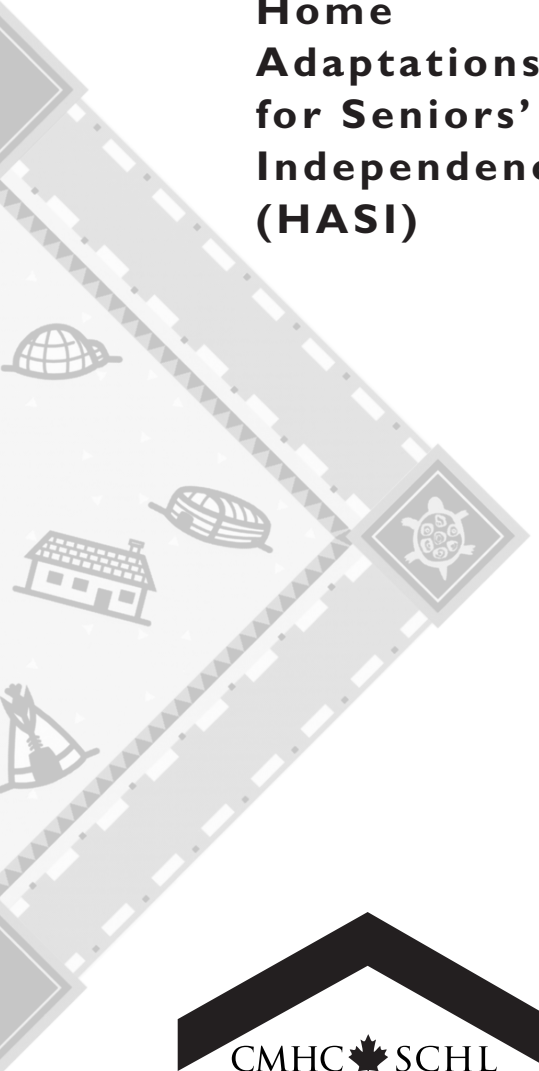




BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence (HASI)



What is Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence (HASI)?

The HASI Program offers financial assistance to help homeowners and Band Councils pay for home adaptations to extend the time that low-income elders can live in their own homes independently.

How does it work?

Homeowners and Band Councils may qualify for assistance as long as the occupant of the dwelling where the adaptations will be made meets the following conditions:

- 65 years of age and older
- has difficulty with daily living activities due to diminishing abilities brought on by aging
- total household income is at or below the income limit for your area
- the dwelling unit to be adapted is a permanent residence

The assistance is in the form of a forgivable loan to a maximum of \$3,500. This loan does not have to be repaid provided the elder continues to occupy the unit for at least six months after the work is done. If work is being done to Band owned rental properties, the Band Council must agree not to increase rents as a result of the work being done.

What work can be done under the program?

Eligible repairs are those adaptations that meet the needs of elders with an age-related disability.

They could be such items as handrails in hallways and stairways, easy to reach work and storage areas in the kitchen, lever type handles on doors, walk-in showers with grab bars, or bathtub grab bars and seats.

All adaptations should be permanent and fixed to the dwelling. Exceptions can be made for equipment designed to give access to existing basic facilities such as bath lifts. Supportive care, portable aids such as walkers and household appliances are not eligible. Work carried out prior to approval is not eligible for funding under this program.

If your home requires extensive modifications such as wider doorways and increased space for wheelchair manoeuvring, ask your local CMHC office for information on the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) for Persons with Disabilities.

Where can I get more information?

Contact your Band Council; visit our website at www.cmhc.ca or contact the local CMHC office at:



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