

## Home Modifications Information

Do you own your own home and are you thinking of making your home more accessible? Here are things to consider....

1. Do you have sufficient resources to make your home accessible? IVRS provides up to \$5,000 for home modifications if the modification is necessary in order for you to work. There are other entities available to explore for low rate loans and assistance. Iowa Able is one such organization.
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2. Do you know the measurements and requirements for the accessibility need? IVRS has an Assistive Technology specialist who can help you identify all your needs so you can take this information to your financial institution should you take out a loan, as well as provide it to the builder you select.
3. Is your home in need of repairs before you alter it and make it more accessible? Sometimes community organizations will provide assistance to individuals based upon income levels. You might also be able to get a loan to help you pay for the repairs by rolling the repairs into a second mortgage that also covers the cost of the home modification.
4. Are you worried that the modifications will be too costly? IVRS starts with the low cost solutions first before providing any recommendations. IVRS' Assistive Technology Specialist will try to identify the costs when possible so that you will know how much you need to have to do the modification.