



HOUSING GRANTS FOR DISABLED VETERANS

VA provides grants to Servicemembers and Veterans with permanent and total service-connected disabilities to help purchase or construct an adapted home, or modify an existing home to accommodate a disability.

Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grant.

SAH grants help Servicemembers and Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities live independently in a barrier-free environment. SAH grants can be used in one of the following ways:

- » Construct a specially adapted home on land to be acquired
- » Build a home on land already owned if it is suitable for specially adapted housing
- » Remodel an existing home if it can be made suitable for specially adapted housing
- » Apply the grant against the unpaid principal mortgage balance of an adapted home already acquired without the assistance of a VA grant

Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) Grant.

SHA grants help Servicemembers and Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities adapt or purchase a home to accommodate the disability. You can use SHA grants in one of the following ways:

- » Adapt an existing home the Servicemember, Veteran, or family member already owns in which the Servicemember or Veteran lives
- » Adapt a home the Servicemember, Veteran, or family member intends to purchase in which the Servicemember or Veteran will live
- » Help a Servicemember or Veteran purchase a home already adapted in which the Servicemember or Veteran will live

Temporary Residence Assistance (TRA) Grant. TRA grants are available for Servicemembers and Veterans who qualify for either an SAH or SHA grant to adapt the home of a family member with whom the Servicemember or Veteran is temporarily living.

The table below provides an overview of VA's housing grant programs for Servicemembers and Veterans with a service-connected disability.

VA Housing Grant Types & Eligibility Requirements	Eligibility	Living Situation	Ownership	Number of Grants You Can Use
Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Loss of or loss of use of both legs, OR » Loss of or loss of use of both arms, OR » Blindness in both eyes having only light perception, plus loss of or loss of use of one leg, OR » The loss of or loss of use of one lower leg together with residuals of organic disease or injury, OR » The loss of or loss of use of one leg together with the loss of or loss of use of one arm, OR » Certain severe burns, OR » Certain severe respiratory injuries 	Permanent	Home is owned by an eligible individual	Maximum of 3 grants, up to the maximum dollar amount allowable
Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Blindness in both eyes with 5/200 visual acuity or less, OR » Loss of or loss of use of both hands, OR » Certain severe burn injuries, OR » Certain severe respiratory injuries 	Permanent	Home is owned by an eligible individual or family member	Maximum of 3 grants, up to the maximum dollar amount allowable
Temporary Residence Assistance (TRA) Grant	Based on eligibility for SAH or SHA grant	Temporary	Home is owned by an eligible individual's family member	Maximum of 1 grant

Amounts of assistance are set by law, but they may be adjusted upward annually based on a cost-of-construction index. No individual may use the grant benefit more than three times up to the aggregate amount. For additional information on the SAH/SHA grant programs, please visit: www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans.

To apply for an SHA or SAH grant, fill out and submit the Veterans Application in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing or Special Home Adaptation Grant (**VA Form 26-4555**) at www.ebenefits.va.gov, download it at www.va.gov/forms, or call VA toll-free at 1-800-827-1000 to have a claim form mailed to you, or visit your local VA regional office. If you use the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the Federal Relay number is 711.