What does this program offer?
The Minor Home Repair Program provides eligible home owners who reside in one of Dane County’s participating Urban County Consortium communities (outside the City of Madison) with a $5,000 grant that can be used to repair the owner’s home or to improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

Who is eligible for this program?
Eligibility requirements include:
- The home must be occupied by the owner as his or her residence.
- Household income at 80% of county median or less.
- A household member must have a permanent disability.
- Payments must be current on mortgage, property taxes and homeowner’s insurance.
- The assessed value of property being assisted must not exceed 95% of the area median purchase price.
- The assisted property must be owner-occupied.
- The household must not have received assistance through the provision of a Dane County rehabilitation grant in the previous three years.

Are there any geographical or property-type restrictions?
Eligible home owners must reside in one of Dane County’s participating Urban County Consortium communities (outside the City of Madison).

What costs do these funds cover?
Borrowers can use the grant for repairs or changes that make the home safe or more accessible. Repairs or changes can include expenses such as roof replacement or repair, a new furnace, installation of a ramp or handrails, and kitchen or bathroom updates that maximize accessibility.

Who provides the funds for this program?
Dane County CDBG grant program provides the funding for this program.

What are the repayment terms for this grant?
Assistance will be offered in the form of a grant. The maximum grant is $5,000 in a twelve-month period, with a lifetime maximum of $12,000.

Can funds from this program be used with other assistance programs?
Yes. The program can be used with a household's personal resources and many other home buyer assistance programs.
What is the process for obtaining this grant?
Once a home owner submits an application and required documents, Movin’ Out reviews the application for approval and reserves the funds. Next steps include:
  • Arrange professional inspection of home before and after rehab work is done.
  • Arrange contractors to give bids

How are the grant funds paid out?
Funds are available up front on a case-by-case basis to cover the contractor’s costs for ordering materials. After the work is complete, a final inspection is done. The homeowner must sign a verification of completion and contractors must provide a signed lien waiver upon completion of the job.

Are there other requirements to qualify for this program through Movin’ Out?
No.

Where can I get more information or apply?
Contact a Movin’ Out Housing Counselor for more information at 608-251-4446 x7 or info@movin-out.org.