

## CITY OF ALEXANDRIA OFFICE OF HOUSING

The Office of Housing makes recommendations to the City Council and City Manager on housing policy and investment, coordinates and administers City housing and housing-related programs and services, and implements Alexandria's Housing Master Plan.



### PROMOTING ACCESSIBLE HOUSING IS A CITY HOUSING GOAL

Promoting and providing accessible housing is a City priority. One strategy to accomplish this is partnering with property owners to modify rental units to make them accessible to people with physical disabilities. The RAMP and RUAM grant programs help the City meet this important goal.

### LOOKING FOR ACCESSIBLE RENTAL HOUSING?

VHDA offers a free resource to help renters find housing that meets both their physical needs and budgets. **AccessVA.org** offers an on-line search tool that allows renters to search for accessible rental housing, accessible housing resources, and locations of Virginia Centers for Independent Living. Rental housing can be searched based on criteria such as location, bedroom size, rent, proximity to public transit, Veteran status, and Housing Choice voucher holder status. The housing search tool includes listings from all over the state of Virginia and is updated directly by housing providers.

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## CITY OF ALEXANDRIA'S RENTAL ACCESSIBILITY MODIFICATION PROGRAM (RAMP)

Rental Accessibility Modification Program (RAMP) grants fund modifications to rental housing to make the units more accessible for low- and moderate-income tenants with physical disabilities. Permanent accessibility modifications are made at no cost to the renters. The property owner/landlord must agree to the proposed changes.

### How Can RAMP Help?

RAMP grants fund up to \$50,000 of modifications to a rental unit that is the main residence of a disabled person. Modifications can include installation of handicap accessible ramps, rehabilitation of a bathroom, widening of doorways, and exterior improvements, as well as other work.

### How to Qualify

Eligible renter households must live in the City of Alexandria. At least one member of the household must be physically disabled. Applicants must complete the RAMP application and provide verification of income and asset information for the entire household. Household income must be within the income limits published annually by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

## VHDA RENTAL UNIT ACCESSIBILITY MODIFICATION (RUAM) PROGRAM

The Rental Unit Accessibility Modification (RUAM) program offers grant funds for the modification of rental housing that directly relates to the disability of the applicant. The Virginia Housing provides the grant funds.

### How Can RUAM Help?

RUAM provides grants up to \$8,000 per rental unit that is the primary principal residence of a disabled person. Typical modifications can include the installation of ramps, chairlifts, widening of doorways and sidewalks, remote entry devices, and alterations to bathrooms and kitchens, as well as other work.

### How to Qualify

An applicant must complete the VH RUAM Program application. The City of Alexandria is an approved "Community Agent" and will assist interested Alexandria renters with the application process. Income and asset information must be provided for the entire household. Household income must be within the income limits published annually by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

## WHO CAN RAMP & RUAM GRANTS HELP?

Both grant programs are available to assist low- and moderate-income renters in modifying their housing to accommodate the physical disabilities of household members. The renters must have incomes at or below the maximum limits established by HUD for their family size. Staff will assist in assessing income eligibility.

### 2021 HUD Income Limits

1 person household:	\$63,000
2 person household:	\$72,000
3 person household:	\$81,000
4 person household:	\$90,000
5 person household:	\$97,200
6 person household:	\$104,400

