



GARDEN RIVER FIRST NATION HOUSING DEPARTMENT **HOME ADAPTATION FOR SENIORS' INDEPENDENCE (HASI) PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

The Garden River First Nation Housing Department administers programs through which homeowners can obtain funding for renovations and repairs, in coordination with the North Shore Tribal Council (NSTC) and Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC).

HOME ADAPTATION FOR SENIORS' INDEPENDENCE (HASI):

The GRFN Housing Department works in coordination with the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) to offer a program for our Elder's that assists homeowners to pay for minor adaptations to extend the time low-income Elder's can live in their own homes independently.

ELIGIBILITY:

HASI applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be the homeowner and a registered Garden River First Nation Band Member
- Must be over the age of 65 years
- Total household income must be at or below a specified limit; must be at or below \$42,500.00
- Has difficulty with daily living activities brought on by aging
- The adaptations should be minor items designed to meet the needs of Elders with age-related disabilities; and
- The adaptations shall be permanent and fixed to the house; the home is a permanent residence
- An Elder in a Section 95 unit may qualify for RRAP-Disabled or HASI programs

APPLICATIONS FOR RRAP:

All applications are submitted directly to CMHC by the First Nation with the assistance of the applicant. Technical assistance/support will be provided to the Applicant from the GRFN Housing Team in completion of the application. The following steps are required:

1. Complete the application from CMHC in its entirety
2. Confirmation from CMHC will be sent directly to you
3. Applicant is responsible for obtaining bids from contractors
4. Final approval will be reviewed and accepted by CMHC
5. Reimbursement from CMHC HASI program will be processed when all terms and conditions are met

ELIGIBLE MODIFICATIONS:

Home adaptations covered under the HASI program need to be permanent and make it easier and safer for an Elder with a loss of ability to perform daily activities. Items such as the following could be:

- Handrails in the hallway and stairways
- Easy-to-reach work and storage areas in the kitchen
- Lever handles on doors
- Walk-in showers with grab bars
- Bathtub grab bars and seats

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

Eligible applicants may receive up to \$3,500.00 in the form of a forgivable loan on approved adaptations.

NOTE: work carried out before the loan is approved in writing is not eligible for funding under any of these programs