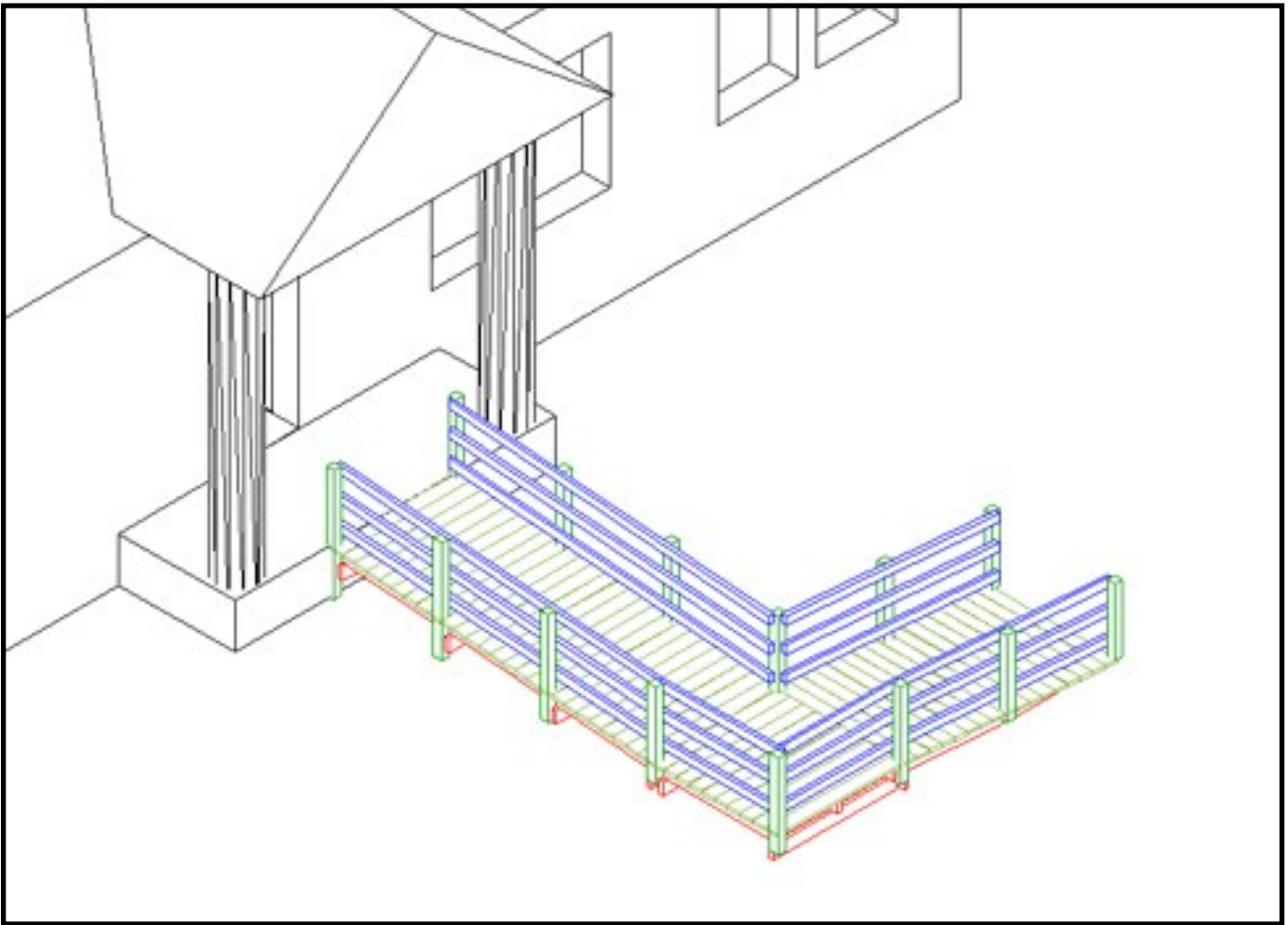


Ontario Renovates Program—Accessibility

Accessibility Upgrade Program for Huron County

Program Guidelines



2025



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The Ontario Renovates Program—Accessibility is designed to improve the living conditions of low to moderate income households in need. It offers financial assistance to complete accessibility upgrades for seniors or persons with disabilities. This program will be administered through the Housing and Property Services Division of Huron County Housing and home inspections will be completed by a Certified Home Inspection provider.

The program provides assistance in the form of a grant for accessibility upgrades up to \$5,000 and does not require repayment.

Program Requirements

Applicant Eligibility

- Yearly gross household income level is at or below **\$85,700** (subject to change)
- Own a home in Huron County that is their sole and principal residence with a property tax value at or below **\$355,730.00** (subject to change)
- Confirmation of up to date property taxes
- Confirmation of up to date mortgage payments
- Verification of insurance coverage for the full replacement value of the property
- Home must be in need of accessibility upgrades
- Must have no outstanding arrears to a Social Housing Provider

Available Funding

- Funding for accessibility upgrades made to a home up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 is in the form of a grant and does not require repayment

General Eligible Activities

Eligible projects under the Ontario Renovates Program—Accessibility may include:

Accessibility Upgrades

Modifications to increase accessibility related to housing and to the homeowner's disability include:

- Ramps
- Handrails
- Chair and bath lifts
- Height adjustments to countertops
- Cues for doorbells/fire alarms
- Other related accessibility items

Related Costs

In addition to accessibility upgrades, other eligible costs include labour and applicable taxes, building permits, certificates, appraisal fees, inspection fees, drawings and specifications and may include other costs that Housing and Property Services deems reasonable, however, funding limits are still applicable. Housing and Property Services will ensure that the accessibility upgrades are warranted and completed through an inspection process before the work begins and upon completion. Work is to be completed by a contractor and must not be a relative of the homeowner. A minimum of two written quotes must be submitted prior to approval. Original copies of all financial invoices must be submitted to Housing and Property Services for reporting and audit purposes. Invoices must have a business number and include HST.

Housing and Property Services will provide a Letter of Agreement to each homeowner outlining the scope of work, funding commitment and roles and responsibilities of both the homeowner and the County of Huron.

Payment Process

Accessibility upgrades must start within 60 days of approval. Once the work is completed, the original invoices and agreement letter must be submitted to Huron County Housing and Property Services, 77722D London Road, RR 5 Clinton, ON N0M 1L0 within 30 days. Original copies of all financial invoices must be submitted to Housing and Property Services for reporting and audit purposes. Housing and Property Services will pay the approved funds to the contractor once the completion of repairs is approved and confirmed.