



# American Legion Post 100 Fact Sheet

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## VA Specially Adapted Housing Program

### Overview

The Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) program offers grants to Servicemembers and Veterans with certain severe service-connected disabilities. The grants assist with building, remodeling or purchasing an adapted home.

### What is a Specially Adapted Housing Grant?

The Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant helps disabled Veterans and Servicemembers enjoy barrier-free living. One example is a wheelchair accessible home. This can provide independent living that might not otherwise be possible.

The current maximum grant amount is **\$85,645**. It must be used for the purpose of constructing or modifying a home to meet adaptive needs. The maximum grant amount adjusts annually, so please visit the website

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp>

Veterans and Service members with specific service-connected disabilities may be eligible. You must be entitled to disability compensation due to:

- Loss or loss of use of both legs
  - Unable to move around without the aid of braces, crutches, canes or a wheelchair
- Blindness in both eyes, plus loss or loss of use of one leg
- Loss or loss of use of one leg, and:
  - Residuals of organic disease or injury OR
  - Loss or loss of use of one arm, affecting balance and ability to move without aid
- Loss or loss of use of both arms at or above the elbows
- Severe burn injury

### What is a Special Housing Adaptation Grant?

The Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) grant can be used to increase your mobility throughout your residence. The current maximum grant amount is **\$17,130**. The maximum grant amount adjusts annually, so please visit the website <https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp>.

Veterans and Service members with specific service-connected disabilities may be eligible. You must be entitled to disability compensation due to one of the following:

- Blindness in both eyes with 20/200 visual acuity or less in the better eye with use of a corrective lens
- Anatomical loss or loss of use of both hands or arms below the elbow
- Severe burn injury

## What is a Temporary Residence Assistance Grant?

You can receive a temporary SAH/SHA grant to adapt the home of a family member. The maximum amount available to adapt a family member's home for the SAH grant is **\$37,597** and for the SHA grant is **\$6,713**. The maximum grant amounts adjust annually, so please visit the website <https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp>.

## What is a Home Improvements and Structural Alterations Grant?

A Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) grant provides assistance for any home improvement necessary for treatment or disability access. Eligible Veterans and Service members can receive a HISA grant, as well as either a SAH or SHA grant. This program is available for both Veterans with service-connected disabilities and nonservice-connected disabilities:

- Service-connected disabilities: home improvement benefits up to **\$6,800**
- Non-service-connected disabilities: home improvement benefits up to **\$2,000**

Learn more about HISA grants at <http://www.prosthetics.va.gov/HISA2.asp>.

## Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) - Housing Adaptation Assistance

VR&E may provide home adaptations to individuals who are not currently able to work because of the effects of their service-connected disabilities, or who require adaptations to achieve a vocational goal. The benefits are limited to those required to improve independence at home and/or in the community.

- Home adaptations up to **\$85,645** may be provided as part of an approved rehabilitation plan.

Please visit [www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/independent\\_living.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/independent_living.asp) to learn more about VR&E home adaptation grants and apply for VR&E benefits, please visit [www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab.asp).