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# Aging in Place Resources

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Provides aging and disability services to people with disabilities and seniors in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties, including home modification information and referral, as well as benefits assistance and information.

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# Home Renovations and Repair

## Community Housing Solutions

[www.yourchs.org](http://www.yourchs.org)

216-651-0077 (West) and 216-231-5815 (East)

Home repair services contingent on location, eligibility, and available funding. Health and safety repairs include emergency heating and cooling. Aging in Place Program provides low-cost, high impact home modifications to older adults, people with mobility issues, and other disabilities.

## Home Repair Resource Center

[www.hrrc-ch.org](http://www.hrrc-ch.org)

216-381-6100

Offers a variety of programs that encourage responsible home ownership, including consultations for seniors to help them identify and prioritize needed repairs. Facilitates Cuyahoga County HELP and Historic Preservation loans.

## MaxHousing

[www.maxhousing.org/](http://www.maxhousing.org/)

216-231-7221

Provides subsidized apartment housing for people using wheelchairs. Offers tours of a model apartment showing adaptations.

## North Coast Community Homes

[www.ncch.org/](http://www.ncch.org/)

216-662-1880

Renovates homes for people with special needs, including aging in place.

# Home Financial Assistance

## Cleveland Home Repair

[www.clevelandohio.gov - Home Repair](http://www.clevelandohio.gov - Home Repair)

216-664-2045

Two programs to assist with major repair once every ten years.

- Repair-A-Home and is for low-income Cleveland residents (The income limit is 80% or less of the Area Median Income.) Can apply for one major home repair every ten years.
- Senior Homeowner Assistance Program (SHAP) is to assist low-income seniors and disabled owner-occupants with one critical health or safety repair once every ten years.

# Cuyahoga County Home Repair

[cuyahogacounty.gov](http://cuyahogacounty.gov) - [Housing and Community Development](#)

Some programs have income or community restrictions – look for qualifications on each program page. These programs assist Cuyahoga County homeowners with repairs necessary for the health and safety of the residents of the home. There are also programs for foreclosure prevention and down payment assistance.

[Home Enhancement Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

216-443-7260

The HELP loan provides homeowners with access to funds for renovations and repairs. This is facilitated by CHN Housing Partners, Home Repair Resource Center, and Key Bank.

[Heritage Home Loan Program](#)

216-426-3116

Through the Heritage Home Loan Program, the County works with the Cleveland Restoration Society to assist homeowners in updating their older residences while preserving their historical character and enhancing energy efficiency.

# Lorain County Home Repair

[cityoflorain.org](http://cityoflorain.org) - [Programs-Services](#)

The City of Lorain has launched the HOME Rehabilitation Loan Program, designed to empower qualifying homeowners with limited to moderate incomes. This initiative enables residents to enhance their living conditions and contribute to neighborhood revitalization through home improvements. The program offers financial support of up to \$75,000 for comprehensive home renovations, exclusively for owner-occupied properties within Lorain city limits.

# Other Similar Programs by County

**Erie County:** <https://www.eriecounty.oh.gov/HousingRehabilitation.aspx>

**Huron County:** <https://www.hccommissioners.com/resources/chip/>

**Medina County:** <https://www.medinaco.org/fix-it-fund/>

**Summit County:** <https://co.summitoh.net/pages/Housing-Rehabilitation-Program.html>

**Portage County:** <https://www.cacportage.net/home-repair-portage-county.html>

**Geauga County:** [https://www.ohhn.org/docs/countymdir/geauga\\_ohhn.pdf](https://www.ohhn.org/docs/countymdir/geauga_ohhn.pdf)

**Lake County:** [https://www.ohhn.org/docs/countymdir/lake\\_ohhn.pdf](https://www.ohhn.org/docs/countymdir/lake_ohhn.pdf)

## Other Resources

- Home Modification and Grants List from Nerd Wallet:  
<https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/loans/personal-loans/accessible-home-modification-grants>
- Information for Renters:  
<https://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/housing-accommodations-modifications-people-disabilities>

## Understanding Renters ADA Rights

- [Hud.gov](https://www.hud.gov) search ADA
- Here is the direct link to Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications:  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/reasonable\\_accommodations\\_and\\_modifications](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/reasonable_accommodations_and_modifications)

## Nonprofit and Government Agencies

### United Way's 2-1-1

<http://www.211oh.org/>

2-1-1 (or 216-436-2000 in Cuyahoga)

Connects people with important social service, health, and government resources; there is a 2-1-1 in each Ohio County.

### Community Partnership on Aging

<https://www.communitypartnershiponaging.org/>

216-291-3902

For seniors in South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Highland Heights, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, and Richmond Heights. Offers Safe at Home program, transportation services, Homemaking support, food assistance, and other wellness programs.

### City of Cleveland Department of Aging

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/Aging>

216-664-2833

### Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services

<http://dsas.cuyahogacounty.us/>

216-420-6700

## **Lake County Council on Aging**

<http://www.lcco.org/>

440-205-8111

## **Lorain County Office on Aging**

<http://www.lcco.org/>

440-326-4800

## **Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging**

<https://www.areaagingsolutions.org/>

216-621-0303 or 1-800-626-7277

## **Downsizing Services**

### **Caring Transitions**

<https://www.caringtransitionslevelandws.com/services/downsizing>

440-508-4957

Provides a free consultation and downsizing services such as: Paper and document management; decluttering; sort and organize; donation; disbursement and liquidations; and professional move management.

### **DYI Mindful Decluttering and Organizing**

<https://clutterfreenow.com/>

310-270-0969

Provides a free consultation and virtual consultations on decluttering and staying organized.

### **Transitional Design**

<https://transitionaldesign.net/downsizing/>

440-627-6390

Services include: move management services; aging in place services to clean and organize belongings; and estate cleanouts.

### **Search “Professional Organizers” on the internet.**

As with any worker that enters your home make sure your read and understand the contract. Ask if they are licensed and insured.

## Home food delivery

Many groceries will home deliver. Some charge a small fee. There are also many food prep meal services available with a variety of price points such as, [Veestro](#) (plant-based) and [Purple Carrot](#). There are many more available - search "home food delivery" for more options. Here is a price comparison article by Forbes Magazine for 2024: [Forbes healthy meal delivery services](#).

In addition, there are many community-based programs like [Meals on Wheels](#) who's costs can vary by location. For example, in Westlake it is \$9 / day for one hot meal and one cold meal, whereas Hillcrest charges \$5.00 / day for a hot meal.

Also check with your local department of aging for local programs.

## Online Services

### Technology

#### Assistive Living Locators:

Article on assistive technology and why you might need some -

<https://assistedlivinglocators.com/articles/promoting-independence-adaptive-technologies-for-aging-in-place>

#### iaccessibility

<https://www.iaccessibility.com/>

Apps for Apple devices. Categories include: low vision, mobility, speech, hard of hearing, deaf, blind, deaf-blind, cognitive & intellectual.

### Aging in Place

#### Age in Place

<https://ageinplace.com/>

Broad range of information related to aging in place. Articles, practical ideas, examples of products which are available. You can sign up on their email list to receive articles, tips, ideas, news.

#### Seniorresource.com

<http://www.seniorresource.com/ageinpl.htm>

The "E-cyclopedia" of Senior options and information. Information on many topics, including aging in place, home assessment for aging in place, state specific information (such as Agencies on Aging, Aging in Place Contractors).

## **Next Avenue – where grown-ups keep growing (e-newsletter)**

<https://www.nextavenue.org/about-us/>

On-line resource for ideas, context and perspectives on current issues and topics relevant to older adults.

## **Consumers Advocate**

<https://www.consumersadvocate.org/>

Product reviews, including medical alerts, home security systems.

## **HomeAdvisor –**

Budget-Friendly Smart Home Accommodations for Seniors and Individuals with Special Needs

<https://www.homeadvisor.com/r/budget-friendly-smart-home-accommodations-for-seniors-and-individuals-with-special-needs/>

## **National Health Institute**

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/aging-place/aging-place-growing-older-home#time>

## **National Council on Aging**

<https://www.ncoa.org/adviser/medical-alert-systems/downsizing-for-aging-in-place/>

## **Paying for Senior Care –**

Understanding Your Financial Options for Long Term Care

<https://www.payingforseniorcare.com/home-modifications/how-to-pay-for-home-mods>

# **Falls Prevention**

## **National Council on Aging**

<https://www.ncoa.org/healthy-aging/falls-prevention/>

A variety of resources on preventing falls. Examples include: conversation guide for caregivers, video summarizing exercise programs, video reviewing 6 steps to prevent falls, infographic of the 6 steps to prevent a fall.

## **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: STEADI (Stopping Elderly accidents, Death & Injury)**

<https://www.cdc.gov/steady/index.html>

Information for health care providers and for older adults. Examples include: falls risk assessment, home safety checklist, tips for being safe at home, caregiver brochure.



## CaregiverStress.com

<https://www.caregiverstress.com/senior-safety/making-home-safer//>

A variety of resources to assess home safety. Examples include home checklist with remedies / suggestions for changes, interactive home safety review.

## AARP Livable Communities

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/info-2014/aarp-home-fit-guide-aging-in-place.html> A variety of resources including a room-by-room detailed checklist of things to do to make the home safer and a home kit guide which incorporates additional home considerations such as home design, maintenance, energy conversation.

## Links to Other Sites

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