

Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA)

This grant provides medically necessary improvements and structural alterations to Veterans/Servicemembers' primary residence for the following purposes:

- Allowing entrance to or exit from their homes
- Use of essential lavatory and sanitary facilities (e.g. roll in showers)
- Allowing accessibility to kitchen or bathroom sinks or counters (e.g. lowering counters/sinks)
- Improving entrance paths or driveways in immediate area of the home to facilitate access to the home through construction of permanent ramping
- Improving plumbing or electrical systems made necessary due to installation of home medical equipment

HISA will **not** pay for:

- Walkways to exterior buildings
- Widening of driveways (in excess of a 7ft x 6ft area)
- Spa, hot tub, or Jacuzzi
- Exterior decking (in excess of 8ft x 8ft)

HISA Grant Amounts

Lifetime HISA benefit up to \$6,800 may be provided for:

- Veterans and Servicemembers who have a service connected condition
- Veterans who have a non-service connected condition rated 50% or more service connected

Lifetime benefit up to \$2,000 may be provided for Veterans who have a non-service connected condition

What does HISA exclude?

Some excluded HISA structural alterations are exterior decking; purchase or installation of spa/ hot tubs/ Jacuzzi type tubs; home security systems; removable equipment or appliances such as portable ramps; porch lifts, and stair glides; and routine repairs.

Additional Information

- Learn more about VBA's Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant and the Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) grant.
- Please take a moment to watch the HISA Video for more information.

Applying for a HISA Grant

When applying for the HISA benefit, a completed HISA application package must include the following:

(1) A prescription written or approved by a VA physician which includes:

- The beneficiaries name, address and telephone number
- Identify the improvement or structural alteration
- The diagnosis and medical justification for the improvement or structural alteration

(2) A completed and signed VA Form 10-0103, VETERANS APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE In Acquiring Home Improvement and Structural Alterations

- If applying for an advanced payment, request on application

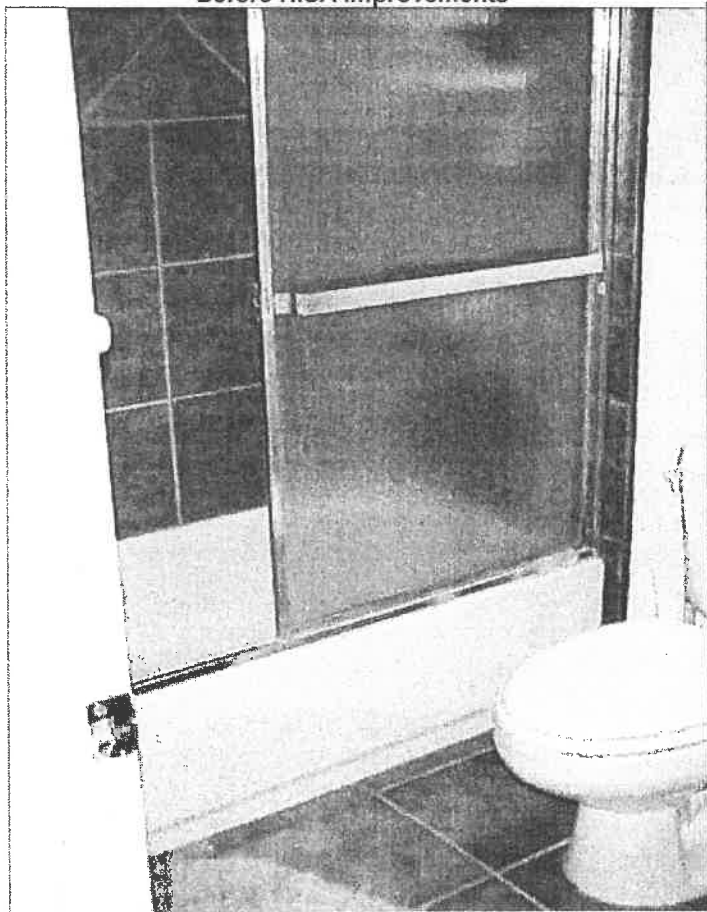
(3) FOR RENTERS: A signed and notarized statement from the owner authorizing the improvement or structural alteration

(4) A written itemized estimate of costs for labor, materials, permits, and inspections for the home improvement and structural alteration

(5) A color photograph of the unimproved area

NOTE: An inspection of the site by VA may be warranted.

Before HISA improvements



After HISA improvements

