

Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority

Ramp Up Indiana Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

*NOTE: The Ramp Up Indiana policy manual was updated and reposted to the <u>Ramp Up</u> <u>website</u> on May 25, 2022. This FAQ reflects changes from that version of the policy manual.

APPLICATION PROCESS & AWARD TERMS

- What is the due date for applications? There is no set deadline for application submission. Applications are accepted on a rolling, non-competitive basis and are reviewed first come, first served.
- Can we apply for more than \$50,000 if we are serving multiple counties? No, \$50,000 is the maximum grant request no matter the target area size. Applicants may only submit one application at a time.
- What is the award timeline for a Ramp Up grant? Ramp Up grants must be completed within 18 months from the award date. Upon successful completion and close-out of a Ramp Up grant, the awardee may be eligible to apply for a second round of funding.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- If our organization installs pre-built ramps (e.g., aluminum or steel ramps), does the ramp belong to the organization or to the homeowner?
 The ramp belongs to the homeowner and would not be reclaimed by the non-profit organization.
- Can Ramp Up funds be used for interior accessibility, including a ramp installed inside of the house between rooms?

Page 1 Ramp Up Indiana FAQ Updated May 2022 No. The ramp must serve an exterior entrance into the home. The Ramp Up Manual Part 3.2 Ineligible Activities states that "accessibility work on the interior of the home" is ineligible.

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No. Since the ramp would still be serving an exterior door into and out of the house, this work would be considered eligible under Ramp Up.

- Is the demolition/new construction or rehab of a current ramp an eligible activity? Yes, if the ramp has demonstrated safety or functional issues, it can be rehabbed or demolished and replaced.
- If a homeowner receives assistance through the Ramp Up program, would they be eligible for Owner-Occupied Repair assistance in the future, and vice versa?
 Yes, that homeowner would be eligible for CDBG OOR because there are no liens or affordability period requirements with Ramp Up. However, IHCDA is not currently running a CDBG OOR program.
- Can we build ramps for renters or landlords? No, only owner-occupied homes are eligible through Ramp Up.