The Commission on Disabilities includes people with disabilities, family members, representatives of public and private service-providing agencies, and State and local government. The Commission works to assure that all of the County’s programs and services are accessible.

The Commission on Disabilities is part of the Baltimore County Department of Planning and is made up of volunteers who are appointed by the County Executive.

Housing Accessibility Modification Program (HAMP)
A program designed to improve the physical access of rental units for people with disabilities.

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The Housing Accessibility Modification Program (HAMP) provides financial assistance to homeowners and tenants with disabilities so their units can be modified to meet their accessibility needs.

To be eligible, an applicant must have a disability, own a property, or reside in Baltimore County, and have a rental lease agreement. The total household income may not exceed 80% of the median income for Baltimore County. Eligible incomes change annually and are specified in the application.

Modifications are based on an applicant’s particular needs and may include the installation of wheelchair ramps/lifts, renovations to bathrooms and kitchens, grab bars, flashing doorbells, or lighting changes. Each request is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Prior to approval, requests are reviewed by an inspector. Common areas are not included and modifications must be approved by the landlord.

All work must be done by licensed and insured contractors, selected by the tenant. The Department of Planning maintains a list of local contractors who have experience with modifications.

The immediate intent of the program is to ensure that homeowners and renters with disabilities have full access to their units by providing financial assistance to make reasonable accommodations, with the long term goal of increasing accessible rental units throughout Baltimore County.

To apply, simply contact the Department of Planning, Housing Opportunities at 410-887-6055. Funding will be awarded after consideration of each application on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funding is available.

Applications can also be found online: baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/disabilities/housingresources.html