Application Requirements

To apply for a Granting Freedom Grant, the Agent for the applicant must provide the following documentation.

All documentation must be completed in a single application, sent to one of our approved agents listed on our website (click here for approved agents), and submitted by the agent through our Grants Management System (GMS).

1. A completed application, including a detailed description of the modification to be done (download the latest form on VHDA.com¹; be aware that this form may be revised at any time, so be sure you are using the latest form)
2. Service-connected disability documentation
   a. For Veterans: US Department of Veteran Affairs Notification, Award or Rating Letter citing service-connected disability
   b. For Service Members: MEB/PEB documentation citing service-connected disability
3. Written documentation for additional funding from other sources (if applicable)
4. Applicant Agreement
5. Contractor Documents: Each contractor must provide:
   a. Contractor estimate with materials and labor separately itemized. Estimate must include statement from contractor that work will be completed within 120 days of approval.
   b. A current Contractor’s license and applicable trade licenses
   c. Certification of Insurance
   d. ACH form (to be completed by the contractor)
   e. W-9
   f. A statement as to whether or not a building permit is required by the locality. If so, this must be procured by the contractor.
   g. A statement as to whether or not a Certificate of Appropriateness is required by the locality for work being proposed in a Historic District. If so, this must be procured by the contractor.
6. Digital photos of the specified work area(s) taken before work is started (email to VHDA’s Grant Programs Administrator as attachments to the application package)
7. Agent Agreement (for portable ramps only)
8. For Homeowners:
   a. Title Deed, Mortgage Statement or Real Estate Tax Assessment citing applicant name and property address (Note: If veteran does not own the home, veteran must provide a letter signed and dated by the homeowner authorizing the modification)
9. For Renters:
   a. Landlord/Owner Agreement
   b. A copy of the Rental Lease Agreement (If the applicant is living in the residence of a family member, the family member must provide a copy of a valid rental agreement. An applicant paying rent to a person that owns and resides in the residence is not eligible for this funding.)

¹ http://www.vhda.com/Programs/Pages/GrantingFreedom.aspx#.V9a4rU32bcs
## Granting Freedom Grant Program
### Agent Application Checklist

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Granting Freedom Grant Program Application

Date ______________________

☐ Homeowner  ☐ Tenant

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III. Description of service-connected disability per US Department of Veteran Affairs letter or Medical Evaluation Board (MEB)/Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) documentation

Effective 7/1/2017
V. Scope of Work

Explain the need for home or rental unit modification(s) for the service member or veteran. Be specific as to proposed modification(s). List estimate of contractor chosen to do the job.

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Applicant Name: ________________________________

Property Address: ______________________________

The Applicant certifies that all information provided herein, and all information in support of this application, is given for the purpose of obtaining assistance from the Granting Freedom Grant Program and is true, accurate, and complete to the best of the Applicant’s belief and knowledge.

The Applicant hereby consents to the verification of any information given in this application. Applicant understands that the information will be used to determine eligibility for this program and is subject to the requirements of Granting Freedom Grant Program Guidelines.

The Applicant agrees to abide by Granting Freedom Grant Program requirements in connection with any assistance received pursuant to this application.

The Applicant hereby releases and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Agent and VHDA from any liability in connection with the construction, performance, or use of the accessible modifications.

VHDA is subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. To the extent allowed by law, VHDA will keep personal information from the Applicant confidential. In the course of administering this grant program, VHDA will not endorse or recommend any particular contractor. The Applicant shall not falsely claim that VHDA has endorsed or recommended any particular contractor.

The Applicant certifies that they own the property listed above or that it is a rental and that the modifications to be done are approved by the landlord/owner.

The Applicant also acknowledges that he/she is responsible for the upkeep of the modification, including but not limited to, repairs, and weatherization.

The Applicant acknowledges that wooden ramps are the property of the landlords and must remain with said property.

The Applicant acknowledges that a portable ramp is the property of the Agent and when it is no longer needed must be returned to the Agent.

The Applicant understands that he/she may request information as to the specific work to be done to the property prior to signing this authorization and release, and upon signing this authorization and release, agrees to the work to be performed as determined by the Agent, and VHDA. The Applicant further understands that he/she is the one hiring the contractor even though this grant program will provide some of the funds to pay the contractor.

The Applicant also acknowledges that he/she has been made aware of the following documents:

- Joint statement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Justice Reasonable Modifications under the Fair Housing Act

- What You Should Know Before Hiring A Contractor (Board for Contractors, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation)

Applicant Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________________

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Granting Freedom Grant Program
Landlord/Owner Agreement

Applicant Name: ___________________________________________________________

Landlord/Owner Name: _____________________________________________________

Property Address: __________________________________________________________

Planned Modification: ______________________________________________________

In consideration for the Agent (these include but not necessarily limited to: Centers for Independent Living, Local Agencies, Non-profit Organization and Landlords in need of accessibility modifications for a specific tenant) and VHDA to make accessibility improvements to the property, the Landlord/Owner does hereby agree to the following:

Landlord/Owner shall not raise the rent because of the increased value of the property due solely to the accessible modifications to the rental unit.

Landlord/Owner hereby releases the Agent and VHDA from any liability in connection with the performance of the accessible modification(s). Landlord/Owner acknowledges that performance is the responsibility of the contractor and upkeep is the responsibility of the applicant.

Landlord/Owner acknowledges that a wooden ramp that is attached to the said property must remain with said property under this VHDA program. If the Landlord/Owner prefers a non-permanent ramp, the Landlord/Owner may request that the Agent provide a portable ramp by writing “Portable Ramp” on the above Planned Modification line. The portable ramp will be removed by the Agent when it is no longer needed by the applicant.

Landlord/Owner acknowledges that a portable ramp is the property of the Agent and when it is no longer needed, it is the applicant’s responsibility to return it to the Agent.

Landlord/Owner signature is considered to be approval for the accessibility modifications to be completed as specified above.

Landlord/Owner upon signing this authorization and release agrees to the work to be performed as determined by the Tenant, Agent, and VHDA as specified above.

Furthermore, in the event the unit becomes vacant, the Landlord is strongly encouraged to list the unit on www.VirginiaHousingSearch.com with the applicable accessibility features indicated. This is a free service to landlords and tenants.

The Landlord/Owner also acknowledges that he/she has been made aware of the following documents:

- Joint statement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Justice Reasonable Modifications under the Fair Housing Act
- What You Should Know Before Hiring A Contractor (Board for Contractors, Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation)

Landlord/Owner Signature: _______________________________ Date: ________________

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Granting Freedom Grant Program
Request for Contractor Information

VHDA values the participation of contractors to make this grant program a success. As a result, we want to ensure that you are properly informed of your role and responsibilities concerning this program.

The agent must submit a complete application and the application must be approved by VHDA before work can commence. In order to expedite this process, please submit the following materials to the Agent as soon as possible.

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All contractors must check with the locality to determine if a building permit or certificate of appropriateness is required for the modification in that area. If so, please inform the Agent. You may be reimbursed for any fees associated with these permits by including the costs on your estimate and final invoice.

Once an applicant has received approval for their modification, the Agent will notify you to commence work. This program requires completion of work within 120 days. If delayed for any reason, please submit the attached Request for Extension form by the 105th day of the project to the Agent. VHDA is under no obligation to pay out the grant money if the Agent does not approve the requested extension.

The program is administered by a third party (the "Agent"). You do not have, and will not have, a contract with VHDA. All communication should be with the Agent.

Payment will not be issued until work is complete and the modification is approved to the satisfaction of both the applicant and the Agent. In order to expedite the payment process, contact the Agent to determine the approval date and provide the Agent with a complete invoice with labor, materials, and fees itemized.

Please be advised that this program is subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). As a result, any documents or communication you submit in regards to this program is subject to FOIA.

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ACH AUTHORIZATION FORM

Indicate the type of authorization being requested:

☐ New Payment Authorization Request
☐ Payment Authorization Change
☐ Payment Authorization Termination

Vendor Name _____________________________________________________________

Vendor Remittance Address ________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State _______ Zip Code ______________

Telephone Number ____________________ Email Address (Required) ________________________

Tax Identification Number ___________________________ Contact Person _______________________

Bank Name ________________________________________________________________

Bank Address ________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State _______ Zip Code ______________

Type of Bank Account:

☐ Checking (Provide a voided check that includes your routing/transit and bank account number)
☐ Saving (Provide a deposit slip that includes your routing/transit and bank account number)

Vendor Signature ___________________________ Date ______________

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VHDA USE ONLY

I have contacted the vendor and confirmed the action being requested should be completed.

VHDA Associate Name (Print) ___________________________ Signature ___________________________ Date ______________

_____________________________________________________________ ________________________________________________
Granting Freedom Grant Program
Final Inspection Report

(This report must accompany the final paperwork.)

Applicant Name: ____________________________________________________________

Property Address: ____________________________________________________________

Agent Name: ________________________________________________________________

Brief Description of Accessibility Modification work completed:

I hereby certify that I am satisfied with the work done on my residence and that it has been completed in a workmanship-like manner.

Applicant Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ______________

Agent Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ______________

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**Applicant Name:** ____________________________________________________________________

**Agent Name:** ____________________________________________________________________

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Granting Freedom Grant Program
Contractor Request for Extension

Under the guidelines of this program, contractors are expected to complete modifications within 120 days from the approval date of the application. However, VHDA understands that there are certain situations out of the control of the contractor that may impede them from meeting this deadline. An extension may be granted under these circumstances so that grant funds are still available.

To request an extension, please complete the form, and provide to the Agent, who will copy VHDA. The request must be submitted before the 105th day of the project. The Agent will contact you with information regarding the approval of this extension within fifteen (15) business days.

Date: __________________________________________________________________________

Contractor Name: ________________________________________________________________________
Company: ________________________________________________________________________________
Phone Number: _____________________________________________________________________________
Email Address: _____________________________________________________________________________

Applicant Name: _________________________________________________________________________
Property Address: _________________________________________________________________________

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Number of days needed to complete modification(s) (list 30-day increments): ________________

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Sample Rental Lease Agreement For Home Rentals

Rental Lease Agreement

(This sample form is just for home rentals and should be used only when a standard rental lease agreement is not available.)

____________________ is renting the residence located at ______________________

(Tenant Name) (Address)

and is current on his/her rent which is $ _____ per month.

Leasing term effective _____________ (start/end dates)

The following modifications have been requested to be completed at this residence:

________________________________________

________________________________________

________________________________________

________________________________________

Signatures:

_______________________________  _______________________

Landlord/Owner  Date

_______________________________  _______________________

Tenant  Date

_______________________________  _______________________

Agent  Date

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Sample Portable Ramp Agreement

(Applicant Name)

I, ____________________________, understand that the portable ramp provided for my use by ____________________________ under the VHDA Granting Freedom Grant program is to be returned to the Agent. I also agree to contact the Agent to let them know when I move or no longer need the ramp.

Agent Name: ____________________________

Agent Phone Number: ____________________________

Applicant:

____________________________________  ______________________
(Signature)  (Date)

Landlord:

____________________________________  ______________________
(Signature)  (Date)

(Copy to be provided to Agent, VHDA, and Applicant)

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Sample Contractor Estimate Sheet

(Contractor name and address)  

Date:  

Proposal Submitted to:  
Applicant’s Name  
Applicant’s Address  
c/o Agent Name  

Copy to:  
VHDA  
601 S. Belvidere St.  
Richmond, VA 23220  

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**Work is to be completed on or before 120 days from the date estimate is accepted.**

Subtotal $  
Sales Tax $  
Total $  

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### Sample Contractor Invoice

**INVOICE**

**To:**
VHDA  
601 S. Belvidere St.  
Richmond, VA 23220

**From:**
Contractor Name  
Contractor Address

**On behalf of:**
Applicant’s Name  
Applicant’s Address  
c/o Agent Name

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