

*At this time, the accessibility grant round is closed*

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# **CITY OF PORTSMOUTH**

## **Accessibility Grant Program for Non-Profits**

### **INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES**

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#### **OVERVIEW:**

The Portsmouth Accessibility Grant Program for Non-Profits is administered by the City's Community Development Department and funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Any Non-Profit organization that is located in Portsmouth, has a 501(c)(3) non-profit tax-exemption status, and offers services to Portsmouth clients or visitors is eligible to apply to this grant program. The program's goal is to remove architectural barriers that prevent individuals from obtaining services or employment.

Grants will be dependent upon available funding and individual project needs.

#### **Minimum Requirements**

Only entities that have determined the feasibility of the proposed accessibility improvements and have design plans, technical work specifications, and opinions of probable cost are eligible to apply.

Grant recipients will be selected based on:

- eligibility (see below);
- overall number of people benefitting;
- sufficient funding available;
- demonstrated institutional capacity to successfully carry out the project;
- enhances access to services;
- completeness and appropriateness of design plans, technical work specifications and budget; and
- demonstrated capacity to ensure compliance with relevant federal regulations and grant requirements.

**PROJECT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Federal CDBG funds for accessibility projects can only be used for projects which remove architectural barriers to accessibility. Not all projects that have accessible components are eligible for project funding. Eligibility of specific projects can only be determined after complete applications are submitted. If you have questions about this requirement, please contact the Community Development Department.

**PROJECT REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS:**

This is a competitive grant program and program funds available are limited. If granted, agencies expending federal funds will be required to comply with detailed eligibility criteria, procurement standards, labor and wage rate requirements and extensive programmatic and financial reporting requirements. Additional information about these requirements can be provided upon request.

**APPLICATION SUBMITTAL AND DEADLINE:**

At this time, accessibility grant applications are not requested.