

# Who is eligible for the Olmstead Transition & Diversion Program?

The following three (3) eligibility criteria must be met:

1. The applicant must reside in an institutional setting or be at imminent risk of facility placement;
2. The applicant must have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); AND
3. The applicant must have been deemed ineligible to participate in the Take Me Home, West Virginia Program.

If you have questions or need help completing an application, please contact Vanessa VanGilder at (304) 558-3287 or (866) 761-4628 or e-mail [Vanessa.K.VanGilder@wv.gov](mailto:Vanessa.K.VanGilder@wv.gov).



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## West Virginia Olmstead Transition & Diversion Program

## What is the purpose of the Olmstead Transition & Diversion Program?

- ◆ To assist people who live in facilities such as nursing homes, intermediate care facilities, state psychiatric facilities, rehabilitation facilities, etc. to transition into the community.
- ◆ To help people who are at risk of placement into a facility stay in their own home.

## Who is eligible for the Program?

- ◆ People who reside in an institutional setting, such as nursing homes, intermediate care facilities, state psychiatric facilities, rehabilitation facilities, etc. The person must be transitioning to a residence in West Virginia.
- ◆ People who live in the community but are at imminent risk of being placed in an institutional setting.

## What does the Program cover?

- ◆ **Security deposits** required to obtain a lease on an apartment or house.
- ◆ **Essential and basic household furnishings** required to occupy an apartment or house, including furniture, window coverings, food preparation items, and bed/bath linens.
- ◆ **Set-up fees or deposits for utility or service access**, including telephone, electricity, heating and water.
- ◆ **Moving expenses.**
- ◆ **Assistive devices or technology.**
- ◆ **Home accessibility adaptations or modifications.**

## Can a family member or social/civic/religious organization provide the labor to complete home accessibility modifications?

Yes. However, participants are responsible to comply with all local and state regulations, and obtain the appropriate permits, licenses, insurance and bonding.

## Is there a maximum amount of funding available under this Program?

Yes. Funding is limited to **\$2,500.00** per person per year. If a person has a need that exceeds the limit, the person will be asked to identify how the rest of the need will be met. There is a limit of one approved application per year.

## What is not covered by this Program?

- ◆ Direct or hands-on supportive services.
- ◆ Costs associated with home improvements or repairs that are considered regular maintenance and upkeep. For example, repairing or replacing flooring, cabinets, roofing, siding, decking, drywall, water lines, and/or gas lines.
- ◆ Medications or supplements (prescribed or over-the-counter) or medical bills.
- ◆ Vehicle accessibility modifications, adaptations or payments.
- ◆ Past due utility bills, rent payments, mortgage payments, credit card bills or medical bills.
- ◆ Items that have already been purchased, unless there was prior approval.

**DISCLAIMER:** *This is not an all-inclusive list and the Review Committee reserves the right to determine whether the request meets the intent of the Program.*

## What are the responsibilities of the applicant?

The applicant must:

- ◆ Complete and submit the application. All applications must include estimates or they will not be processed. All applications must be signed by the applicant or their legal representative.
- ◆ Obtain detailed and itemized estimates for all funding that is requested. Estimates for ramps, bathroom modifications, etc. must include detailed estimates and a copy of the contractor's license.
- ◆ Return copies of all final receipts to the Olmstead Office; AND

- ◆ Ensure that the funding is spent only in the manner for which it was approved.

## What happens after an application is submitted?

- ◆ The applicant will receive a letter confirming the application was received.
- ◆ The review committee will consider applications, which are reviewed once a month, and determine whether it meets the eligibility criteria.
- ◆ The applicant should expect a letter of approval or denial within 30 days.

## If an application is approved, when will funding be received?

- ◆ If funding is approved, a check in the amount of the award determined will be sent to the vendor.
- ◆ Checks will be made payable to the vendor, supplier, contractor, or entity providing the goods and/or services requested in the application.
- ◆ No checks will be made payable to the applicant.

**DISCLAIMER:** *All applications meeting the eligibility criteria will be reviewed. Approval for eligible purchases will be subject to availability of funds.*

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