



6 Heightened Independence and Progress Center for Independent Living

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Home Modification Access Project (MAP)

- Provides a wide range of home alterations to increase access including doorway widening, ramps, automatic doors, roll-in showers, lifts and more; expanded access needs assessment also possible
- Collaborates with multiple funding sources including foundations and government agencies for larger projects
- Available to low to moderate income seniors aged 60 and over and residents with disabilities/ chronic illness age 18 and over
- Application and related documentation including doctor's letter requesting modification/equipment required to determine eligibility
- Free of charge for approved applicants up to \$1,800

Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP)

- Provides wide range of medical/non-medical equipment/services that can help improve day-to-day quality of life including bathroom safety bars and benches; air conditioners; automobile modifications; hearing aids; wheelchair rentals; walkers and more
- Available to low to moderate income seniors aged 60 and over and residents with disabilities/ chronic illness
- Application and related documentation including doctor's letter requesting devices/equipment required to determine eligibility
- Free of charge for approved applicants up to \$300

New Jersey Polio Network Services (NJPN)

- Provides a wide range of home modifications and equipment to improve access and day-to-day quality of life
- Available to low to moderate income post-polio survivors only
- Application and related documentation required to determine eligibility
- Free of charge for approved applicants up to \$1,000



7 New Jersey Comfort Partners Program

Serving Bergen County, New Jersey
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New Jersey Comfort Partners Program

- The New Jersey Comfort Partners program offers **FREE** program home energy assessments and **FREE** services that can save energy and money
- Specifically designed to improve the energy affordability for income eligible households, eligible customers receive health and safety checks of their home's heating system along with the direct installation of energy efficient measures, personalized customer energy education and counseling
- Available to eligible homeowners and tenants who heat their home with electric or gas and who reside in homes or 1-14 unit buildings and have an income at or below 250% of the federal poverty guidelines
- Application and documentation required to determine eligibility



A Member of The Jewish Home Family

8 Jewish Home Family

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A Member of The Jewish Home Family **Continued**

Safely@Home Annual Membership Program

- Enables older adults to "age in place" in the comfort of their own homes by providing a one-stop-shop/single point of contact for home repairs, renovations, or modifications in collaboration with Brad-Core Property Management
- Additional services include emergency service as needed; home inspection by property management specialist every 4 months; a home safety evaluation and quarterly check-in calls by a registered nurse; and a 10% discount on labor and 10% discount on materials for all repairs/ renovations made
- Available to seniors aged 62 and over regardless of income who own and live in their home
- Membership sign-up form must be completed and renewed annually
- Annual membership fee for services and discount is \$500

Safely@Home Volunteer Program (Formerly Bonim Builders)

- Provides essential repairs/renovations including minor plumbing and electrical system fixes; ceiling, wall repairs; kitchen floor replacements; bathroom grab bar installations; and more
- Available to low income residents; seniors aged 65 and over; residents with disabilities/chronic illness; all must own and live in their home
- Application and related documentation required to determine eligibility
- Free of charge for approved applicants; all services provided by community volunteers mostly on Sundays



9 Rebuilding Together North Jersey

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Home Repair Program

- Provides wide range of home repairs/enhancements to improve health, safety, and quality of life including electrical, plumbing, and carpentry fixes; new appliances; painting; smoke/carbon monoxide detectors; kitchen/bathroom modifications to provide access for disabled; and more
- Available to low to moderate income residents; seniors aged 60 and over; veterans; residents with disabilities/chronic illness; all must own and live in home
- Application (online at www.rtnorthjersey.org) and related documentation required to determine eligibility; approved applicant must intend to live in home for at least another 5 years
- Free of charge for approved applicants; \$7,500 lien placed on home for 5 years



10 Umbrella

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Umbrella Membership Program

- Provides wide range of home maintenance tasks and chores to people aged 60 and over; includes everything from changing a light fixture to yard work to home organizing
- Umbrella matches members to "Umbrella Neighbors" - vetted community members - who can help with a variety of tasks for just \$20 per hour
- An annual membership fee of \$199 provides unlimited access to a network of "Umbrella Neighbors", a 24/7 Home Emergency Line, and access to "Umbrella Professionals" who can help with larger home projects
- To become a member, please go online or call Umbrella using the contact information above



BERGEN COUNTY

HOME IMPROVEMENT

RESOURCE GUIDE

INFORMATION FOR HOMEOWNERS

THERE ARE FEW THINGS MORE IMPORTANT THAN A SAFE, WELL-MAINTAINED HOME.

For Bergen County residents who are seniors, veterans, have special needs, or are struggling to make ends meet, paying for critically needed home improvements can sometimes be close to impossible.

In many instances, the organizations listed in this brochure can help homeowners in need of home upgrades with:

- Deferred payment, interest free financing;
- Low cost financing; or
- Services provided free of charge.

The type of home repairs provided by these agencies range from major system replacements like a new roof, siding, or heater to small-scale “fix-it” projects. A description of the services, application requirements, financing options, and contact information for each organization follows.

READ ON TO LEARN ABOUT 10 AGENCIES THAT MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU AFFORD THE HOME IMPROVEMENTS YOU NEED!

* Other than the Bergen County Home Improvement Program and the Bergen County Sheriff's Office Accessible Ramp Program, any agencies, vendors, and contractors listed herein are third parties and not part or agents of the County of Bergen which has no jurisdiction, supervision, or responsibility whatsoever for their work, services, or products. This list of nonprofit agencies is provided as a convenience and courtesy only.



1 Bergen County Home Improvement Program

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Home Improvement Program (HIP)

- Provides wide range of major system home rehabilitation services including new: heating; plumbing; electrical; roof, leaders, gutters; exterior siding; windows and doors; driveway, sidewalk; steps; and more
- Available to low to moderate income Bergen County residents who own and live in their home
- Application and related documentation required to determine eligibility
- Provides **NO MONTHLY PAYMENT, INTEREST FREE** loan of up to \$17,500 for single-family homes/condominium interiors and up to \$25,000 for two-family homes. Payback of loan due when home is sold or title is changed; no additional fees



2 Bergen County Sheriff's Office Accessible Ramp Program

Office of the Bergen County Sheriff
Bergen County Justice Center
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

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Bergen County Sheriff's Office Accessible Ramp Program

- Provides free labor to measure, design and construct accessible ramps for Bergen County residents/homeowners with limited mobility using officer supervised inmate labor
- The labor for ramp measurement, design, and construction is available to any Bergen County resident who provides their own construction materials. To qualify for free or subsidized construction materials, the resident must meet the income requirements of nonprofit agencies that partner with the Sheriff's Office. Income limits are currently in the \$40,000 to \$54,000 range
- The Sheriff's Office will provide application forms for the partner nonprofits upon request. The homeowner must complete the application and submit it to one of the participating nonprofits
- Labor costs are free for all Bergen County homeowners. Materials are free to those approved by partner nonprofits. The homeowner is asked to provide lunch for the officer and inmates when ramps are installed and is responsible for municipal permit fees unless waived by the municipality



3 Bergen Volunteers

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Chore Volunteer Handyman Service

- Provides handyman interior home repairs and installations including minor plumbing (e.g., fix leaking faucet, toilet, etc.) and electrical (e.g., replace outlets, switches, plugs, etc.); weatherization (screen/storm window changes, small air conditioner unit installation, etc.); safety enhancements (e.g., new door locks, cabinet handles, bathroom grab bars, interior railings, smoke detectors, etc.); and more

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Chore Volunteer Handyman Service

- Available to seniors aged 60 and over and residents with permanent disabilities/chronic illness who own and live in their home; more limited services provided to apartment dwellers
- No application required; call 201.489.7790 to schedule appointment (can be up to 3-week wait for service)
- Free of charge except for cost of parts and equipment replaced/installed



4 Greater Bergen Community Action

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Home Weatherization Services Program

- Provides wide range of energy efficiency/conservation services including repair/replacement of heaters/heating systems/windows/doors; attic/sidewall/foundation insulation; hot water conservation, and more
- Available to eligible low income homeowners or tenants with priority given to seniors and families with children
- Application and related documentation required to determine eligibility
- Free of charge for approved applicants; for approved tenants, heater/heating system replacement may require landlord contribution

Lead-Safe Home Remediation Program

- Provides services that identify and remove lead dust hazards by remediating the presence of lead paint
- Available to eligible low to moderate income homeowners or tenants who live in structurally sound single or two family homes built prior to 1978. Priority given to families with children age 6 or under and pregnant women
- Application and related documentation required to determine eligibility
- Free of charge for approved applicants



5 Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County

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Brush with Kindness Program

- Provides a wide range of exterior home and property enhancements including exterior painting and small-scale repairs; minor siding and trim repairs; door and porch board replacements; landscaping, pruning, trimming, weeding, and reseeding; and more
- Available to eligible low income residents who own and live in their home and are approved by the Habitat Board as a partner family
- Application and related documentation required to determine eligibility
- Provides loans up to \$4,000; partner families pay for cost of any materials required for repairs/property maintenance and 10% administrative fee