



Appendix 6.5

Physical Structures Costs and Funding

Costs

This section lists potential costs associated with constructing or modifying physical structures to be accessible. This is not an exhaustive list.

- Service contracts
 - Audit/survey
 - Architect design
 - Engineer
 - Accessibility consultant
 - General contractor
 - Maintenance service
 - Elevators
 - Electricians/Plumbers/HVAC Technicians
- Building materials
- Permits and fees
 - Building permit
 - Inspection fees
 - Zoning fees
 - Expediting fees, if applicable
- Insurance
- Demolition/removal of noncompliant items/materials/features
- Accessibility features, such as:
 - Grab bars
 - Handrails
 - Lever door handles
 - Automatic door opener kits
- Dust/debris control
- Disruptions to revenue
- Staff training on use of accessibility features and maintenance of space
- Compensation for disability partners: interns, advisory committee members

Funding

This section lists potential funding sources for structural projects that are accessibility related.

- Central health system budget
- Procurement or Supply Chain budget
- Other departmental budget
- Project budget
- Internal health system grants
- External grants, such as federal capital improvement grants or foundation grants
- Donations
- [Disabled Access Credit](#)
 - For HCOs who earned ≥\$1,000,000 or had ≥30 full time employees in the previous year
 - Up to \$5,000 per year for access expenses
- [Barrier Removal Tax Deduction](#)
 - Claim up to \$15,000 per year for qualified expenses
- [Community Development Block Grants](#): Federal funding distributed by states/cities that may be used to remove architectural barriers.
- State Incentives: Many states offer their own tax incentives for accessibility upgrades. [Contact your regional ADA Center to learn more.](#)
- [Provider Accessibility Initiative: Barrier Removal Fund](#): Since 2018, the Barrier Removal Fund has provided over \$2.9 M in grants to fund accessibility improvements at 298 healthcare providers in sixteen states (Delaware, Hawaii, Louisiana, Iowa, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, and Texas).