

NEWS RELEASE

Ilene Shapiro—Summit County Executive

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: July 29, 2025



Contact: Greta Johnson
Director of Communications & Assistant Chief of Staff
Office of Executive Shapiro
ExecutivePress@summitoh.net
330-643-2510

HUD selects Summit County for Older Adult Home Modification Grant

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—County Executive Ilene Shapiro is pleased to announce the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded an Older Adult Home Modification Grant (OAHMP) to Summit County. The grant will allow the County to undertake a multi-year program designed to keep older adults in their home and allow them to complete the necessary activities of daily living.

In Summit County, the Department of Community Development aids in making homes age friendly. The federal funding will support the installation of high-impact home modifications such as stair rails, grab bars, ADA toilets, bathtub cut-outs, pathway lighting, stair tread replacement, temporary ramps, and tub/shower chairs, and more.

“We are committed to expanding independence for our aging residents by removing the financial and physical barriers that prevent them from making safety improvements to remain in their lifelong homes,” said County Executive Shapiro. “Older adults deserve the dignity and independence to age on their own terms, in the place they have always called home, and with the support they need. This grant ensures that mission continues to grow.”

The OAHMP program plays a role in the County’s broader commitment to being an Age-Friendly County by helping older adults to live safely, independently, and comfortably in their own homes and communities as they age. For many residents, aging in place means maintaining a strong connection to their neighborhood, their support network, and their sense of identity. This grant provides resources to help remove the barriers that can make aging in place difficult, especially for those with limited income or physical limitations.

Community members throughout all of Summit County are eligible to apply for the program. However, applicants must be 62 years of age or older and household income must be at or below 80% of AMI. Please see below for specific income qualifications:

1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	6 people	7 people	8 people
\$56,200.00	\$64,200.00	\$72,250.00	\$80,250.00	\$86,700.00	\$93,100.00	\$99,550.00	\$105,950.00

Summit County residents can download the application for the program at <https://co.summitoh.net/departments/Community-Economic-Development.html#nav-programs>.

This pool of funding is available to residents who are homeowners and meet other eligibility requirements.

###