Since 1988, the Humboldt Senior Resource Center has been administering the Senior Home Repair Grant Program funded by the City of Eureka’s LOCAL Housing fund. The purpose is to assist low to moderate income seniors in the community (who cannot afford the repairs) with minor health and safety repairs to modify their home to accommodate the special needs of a senior and make their homes safer.

Major services provided have been grants for smoke and monoxide detectors, installations of grab bars and handrails. In order to qualify, seniors must be 60 years of age or older and be income eligible. As an example: a single person with a maximum gross annual income of $50,350 is eligible. If a senior is renting, repairs are limited to services which help to maintain the senior in the home or modify the home to accommodate the special needs of the senior.

1) Minor repairs may include:
   - Grab Bar Installations (Toilet, Bathtub, Showers)
   - Floor Trip Hazard Repairs
   - Repairs to Stair and Step Hazards
   - Railing and Banister Repairs
   - Changing of Light Bulbs in Ceiling and Porch Fixtures (or other hard to reach places)
   - Repair to Doors and Doorways
   - Minor Roof Repairs
   - Minor Plumbing and Electrical Repairs
   - Purchasing and Installing Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors if Gas Utilities or Appliances (and Replacement of Batteries)
   - Caulk Around Windows or other Minor Weatherizing Treatments
   - Minor Repairs of Existing Fencing if Unsafe
   - Clean Up and Disposal of Plant Materials to Maintain Safe Exterior Walkways, Stairs, and Steps
   - Platforms for chairs and sofas.

All grants are limited to properties located within the city limits of Eureka and may not exceed $300. Grants are provided to eligible seniors with no repayment. Any work requiring a building permit must be performed by a licensed contractor.

Funds are limited and a waiting list may be established. Low income households and those repairs which are of a safety or health hazard will have priority.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE CALL THE HUMBOLDT SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER AT (707) 443-9747, Ext. 1240.

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