



Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa and Easterseals Iowa Assistive Technology Center Recycled Modular Ramp Program Frequently Asked Questions

Application and Eligibility Process:

What application form is used to request a recycled modular ramp in the North Central Iowa region and where do I find the application form?

A new application for the recycled modular ramp program which includes the necessary data for H4HNCI, ESI, and two possible funding sources for the ramps, Elderbridge Area Agency on Aging, and NIACOG. The application form outlines the necessary guidelines, eligibility, and documents that are needed to be considered for the ramp program. The new, revised application was created to streamline the application and eligibility process by combining all details into one application. The application is available from Easterseals or H4HNCI.

H4HNCI can be reached at (641) 424-8978 or email at programs@habitatnci.org.

Easterseals Iowa can be reached at 1-866-866-8782 (Toll Free), or 515-289-4069 (TTY) or emailing atinfo@eastersealsia.org.

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Who collects the application and determines eligibility?

H4HNCI collects the application and determines eligibility for the ramp program. H4HNCI will coordinate with Elderbridge Area Agency on Aging and NIACOG to explore any funding and/or other coordination of support and services to provide the ramps.

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Does a health care professional need to sign off on the need of ramp?

Yes, a medical practitioner, such as, physician, nurse, occupational therapist, or physical therapist needs to sign off on the designated portion on the application. It is not necessary that they set up an additional meeting, but one of the listed medical practitioners above needs to sign off for insurance purposes to be approved on the application for a ramp.

What counties does H4HNCI cover?

Applicants must live in the H4HNCI service area: Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Winnebago, Worth and Wright counties.

What if the applicant lives outside the H4HNCI six county area, who should applicants contact?

Individuals can contact Easterseals to determine if they have any ramps available in the Easterseals Assistive Technology Center DME recycling program and/or Easterseals can provide possible other available options.

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What is DME?

DME stands for 'Durable Medical Equipment', which is medical equipment that has been donated to ESI and sanitized and refurbished then loaned out for a nominal fee to individuals with disabilities or illness.

Who is eligible for the ESI and H4HNCI recycled modular ramp program?

Program Requirements:

- Applicants must live in the H4HNCI service area: Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Winnebago, Worth and Wright counties.
- Applicants must have proof of ownership of their homes.
- Applicants must have homeowners' insurance.
- Applicants must be legal American residents.
- Applicants must be current on mortgage payments and property taxes.
- Applicants must meet income guidelines within the established 20-60% median income range. (see chart below)

Family Size	Minimum Income	Maximum Income
1	\$11,166	\$33,500
2	\$12,760	\$38,280
3	\$14,353	\$43,060
4	\$15,933	\$47,800
5	\$17,223	\$51,670
6	\$18,496	\$55,490
7	\$19,766	\$59,300
8	\$21,040	\$63,120

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What paperwork is needed to apply for the ESI and H4HNCI recycled modular ramp program?

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Once I complete the application form and all the necessary documentation, how soon can a ramp be installed?

The timing of ramp installations will be determined based on how many ramp parts are needed, the timing of delivery of the parts once they are ordered, how long the waiting list is for the ramps, and staff/volunteer availability to install the ramps. The ramp installation process will start within 2 weeks from the approval of application. Applicants will be contacted by H4HNCI to create a working timeframe for installation. Applicants should keep in touch with the Habitat staff at 641-424-8978 once they are approved to finalize the installation date.

Is there a fee for the ramps?

A set-up fee of \$100 will be required before the ramp is put into place, and there is a minimum of \$500 required per ramp installation. H4HNCI manages all fees for the ramps.

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One month's fee will be required as a down payment.

Monthly payments will be required while the ramp is on the homeowner's property, or until the ramp is fully paid.

A minimum payment of \$25.00 per month will be required. A larger monthly payment will be required based on a sliding scale:

20% to 35% AMI: \$25 per month	\$25
36% to 45% AMI: \$30 per month	\$45
46% to 60% AMI: \$45 per month	\$65

- Funds can be accepted towards a project on the applicants' behalf anytime

How do I know what size ramp I need?

Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa staff will visit your home and take measurements to determine the style and length of the ramp along with other details regarding the design and installation of the ramp. At minimum, the ramp will be built to ADA code and when in the best interest of the individual, built to exceed ADA guidelines.

What if I only need the ramp for one month am I eligible for the program?

Due to the time to determine an individual eligible for the program and to be mindful of the organization's financial resources, it is not feasible for this process to take place for the use of the ramp for one month.

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How long can I use the ramp?

Once installed, the ramps can be utilized as long as needed.

If I have used the ramp for several months or years and I would like to purchase the ramp versus paying a monthly fee, is this an option and if so, what is the cost?

Ramps can be purchased at any time in the process for the remaining cost of the materials. The monthly payments already made will be deducted from the full price of the ramp. The cost of each ramp will vary depending on how many parts are required to safely be used at each house.

How long do I have to pay a monthly fee before I can own the ramp?

As stated above, the cost of each ramp will be determined based on the number of parts that are needed for each location, and the amount paid per month will be determined by the income range of each applicant.

To whom do I send my payment for the ramp?

Automatic monthly payments will be set up on installation day and begin the month following through Habitat for Humanity NCI's account at First Citizens Bank.

Can I sell the ramp when I am done using it?

Ramps can be sold once they are completely paid off. Donations of the ramps back to the program are also encouraged in order to assist more area families in

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need. If the ramp has not been paid in full, the ramp remains the property of Easterseals Iowa.

Who owns the ramp until I pay it off?

Easterseals Iowa owns the ramp until it is paid off. Easterseals Iowa collaborates with H4HNCI to provide recycled, modular ramps. Easterseals Iowa owns the ramps and H4HNCI oversees the application process, eligibility, and payment process, along with the evaluation, installation, and removal of the ramps.

Who do I contact when I no longer need the ramp and need it removed?

When the ramp is no longer needed, please contact Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa and they will arrange a time/date for them to remove the ramp. Please allow 30 days for the removal of the ramp.

What if Easterseals receives a request from an individual who has a ramp through H4HNCI and they would like it removed?

Easterseals team members should provide the individual with the H4HNCI contact information and/or offer to contact H4HNCI on their behalf. All of the details to remove a ramp are managed by H4HNCI.

Donating Ramps

What if Easterseals receives notification of an individual interested in donating an aluminum modular ramp that is outside of the H4HNCI area?

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These matters will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Easterseals team members will collect all of the necessary information: where is the ramp located, the individual's name, address, and contact information, the dimensions of the ramp, length of sections and how many, along with all the other particulars. Easterseals will also determine if there is a time frame by which these decisions need to be made. Easterseals team members will then contact H4HNCI and or the ESI Program Director and determine if there is an option for H4HNCI to store this ramp and/or make use of it. Easterseals may also be aware of an individual locally who could benefit from the ramp and Easterseals will serve as a coordinator.

Easterseals does not have the capacity to store the ramps. Easterseals does not have the capacity to remove the ramp and transport it to Mason City. Thus, each of these possible donations will be reviewed with H4HNCI for their possible use of the ramp and their availability to remove and transport the ramp.

Who will provide a donation receipt after a donation has been made, ESI or H4HNCI?

Easterseals will provide a donation form to the individual who makes the donation. It will be the same one used for donations of ramp parts or full ramps.

Who provides the donation letter if a ramp is donated to ESI or H4HNCI?

Both Easterseals and H4HNCI can provide a written donation form. All handwritten donation forms will be submitted to Easterseals. Easterseals will submit the handwritten form to the Development Department so that an official IRS approved donation letter can be sent on ESI letterhead.

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