

## ACCESS TO HOME

# INCREASE FUNDING FOR ACCESS TO HOME IN THE STATE BUDGET!



- Access to Home is a program administered by NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) providing funding for home modifications for aging and disabled New Yorkers.
- Local nonprofit grantees administer this program.
- Access to Home funds modest home modifications, such as grab bars in the bathroom or a ramp on the front door, to help older adults and people with disabilities stay in their own home or return home following an institutional stay.
- **The program is currently only funded at \$1 million statewide, serving only 80 households per year.**
- As New York's population ages and acquires disabilities a funding increase is necessary to ensure access needs are met.
- According to AARP, 3 out of 4 adults 50 and older want to stay in their homes and communities as they age.
- Currently, 11.3% of New Yorkers have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs based on data from the American Community Survey.
- By 2030, New York's 60+ population is expected to reach 5.3 million. **Funding for home modifications is critical to the success of a Master Plan on Aging.**

The Assembly proposed a \$1 million increase to Access to Home, while the Senate proposed \$3 million.

**The Executive and Legislature must ensure funding is increased in the final budget!**

**Home modifications allow older and disabled New Yorkers to live at home!**