



About the Community Aging in Place Grant

With the belief that safe, stable housing is critical to the health and wellness of a community, MaineHousing’s Community Aging in Place Grant began in 2017 to provide low-cost, high impact home modifications. This program provides a progressive solution that addresses the housing and wellness issues of a growing segment of Maine residents.

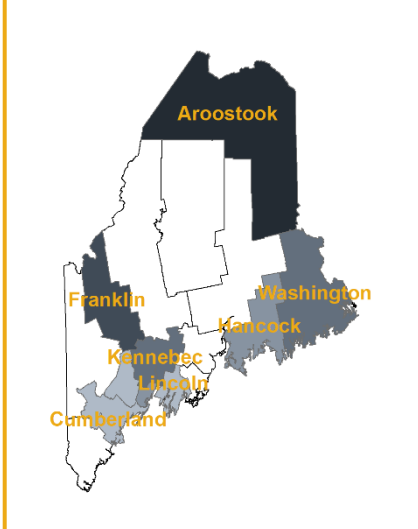
The pilot program was modeled after Bath Housing’s Comfortably Home program, originally established in 2015 and based on the evidenced based CAPABLE program from Johns Hopkins University. The Community Aging in Place Grant Program offers no-cost home safety checks, minor maintenance repairs, and accessibility modifications to eligible low-income elderly and disabled homeowners. These services enable recipients to continue living safely and comfortably at home.

In 2020 MaineHousing set the goal of making the Community Aging in Place Grant available statewide.

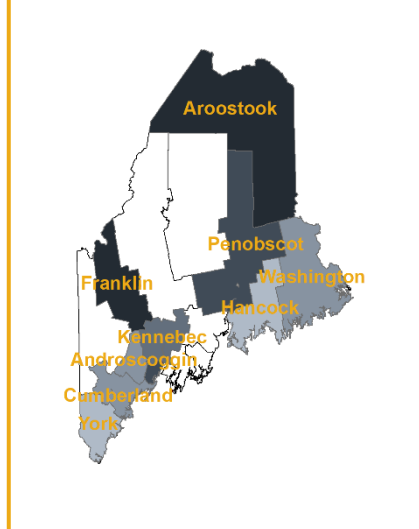
PROGRAM COMPARISON

	2020	2021
# Partner Agencies	8	10
# Communities Served	182	194
# Households Served	115	201

Counties Served in 2020



Counties Served in 2021



County	# Households Served	
	2020	2021
Androscoggin	1	7
Aroostook	45	45
Cumberland	3	6
Franklin	22	51
Hancock	8	5
Kennebec	15	11
Lincoln	1	
Penobscot		29
Sagadahoc	5	21
Washington	15	8
York		3

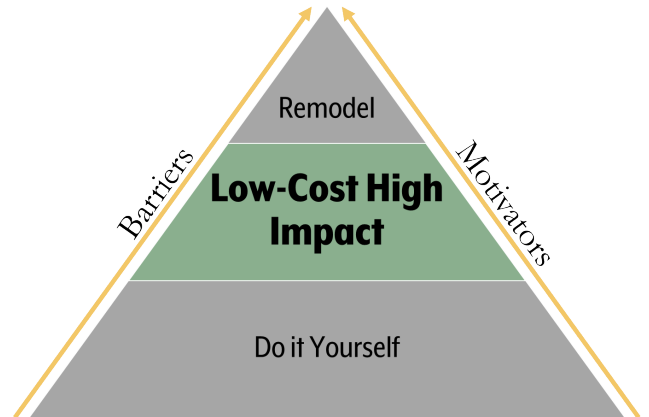
Low-Cost, High Impact

The Community Aging in Place grant is a paid labor model that focuses on **Low-Cost, High Impact** modifications.

Typical repairs/modifications:

Grab bars	Hand rails	Rocker light switches
Shower wands	Steps	Lever-style faucets
Winterizing	Lighting	Shower seat

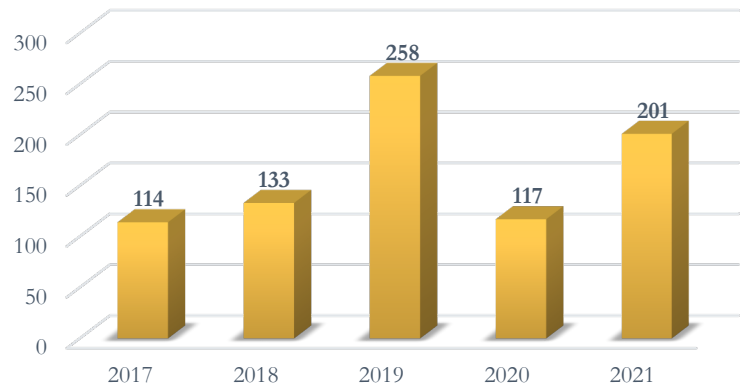
Home Modification Pyramid



Who is eligible for services?

- Homeowners or those who live in a home owned by a family member
- Are age 55+ or have a disability
- Have an annual household income of 80% or less of area median income (AMI)
- Live within the service area of our partners

Households Served by the Community Aging in Place Grant



Source: MaineHousing Administrative Data

Note: 2020 was the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and the State of Maine was closed most of the year.

Age & Income of Households:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Median Age	64	66
Median Income	\$12,430	\$15,942

Impact Areas — 2021 Program Year

The Community Aging in Place Grant is having a positive impact on the lives of those who have participated in the program. Providing low-cost, high-impact home safety modifications to older and disabled Mainers they are seeing a significant decline in self-reported falls and hospitalizations from a reduction in safety hazards in their homes.

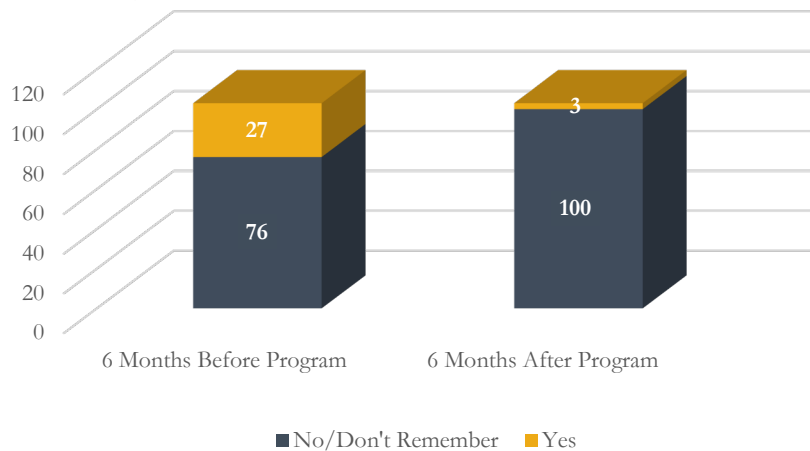
Falls

Benchmark:

To reduce the number and severity of falls related to home hazards by 20%

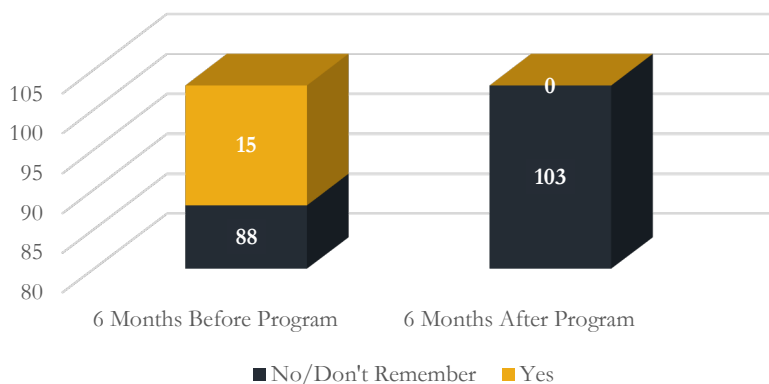
Results 2021 →

Have you had a fall within the previous 6 months?



Source: MaineHousing Administrative Data

Have you been hospitalized in the previous 6 months?



Source: MaineHousing administrative data.

Hospitalizations Benchmark:

To reduce the number of hospital visits and admissions related to home hazards by 15%

← **Results 2021**

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