Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Where is the Money coming from? The County of Orange Housing & Community Development Department allocates federal grants from HUD every year. This year the City of Seal Beach received a post-COVID grant to help all City residents through the summer of 2023.

What improvements will be made? The grant improvements provide for a shower modification and/or High-Boy toilet installation. The tub will be cut to a 3-4 inch lip that will allow the resident to "walk-in" without stepping over a high tub wall. A fiberglass bench can be raised or installed as well. "High-Boy" toilets may also be provided if desired.

Do I have to pay anything? No. If you qualify, the improvements are made free of charge...no strings attached.

Whom do I contact? CivicStone, Inc. at: (909) 364-9000 monique@civicstone.com

Who is CivicStone? CivicStone is a Consulting company hired by the City of Seal Beach to administer the City's Bathroom Accessibility Program. CivicStone has successfully administered this program since 2006.

Who will do the work? The City will select approved contractors to perform the cut-down to the shower, install the new glass door enclosure, as well as install a "High-Boy" toilet, if needed.

What are the requirements?
#1 Funding for the City of Seal Beach's Bathroom Accessibility Program requires that all applicants are over 55 years of age and have a gross household income less than or equal to the HUD 80% median income for Orange County levels listed on page 3 of this application. Any applicant exceeding the established income levels will NOT be eligible for the grant.

#2 A licensed medical doctor must complete the Doctor's Analysis Form (included in this package) rating the physical condition of the applicant with respect to mobility problems, pain with movement, or trouble with balance. This rating allows us to help the most needy applicants first until the funds are all spent.

*All of the information submitted with the application is kept strictly confidential.