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**SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT AWARDS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF
GREATER MEMPHIS \$977,000 FOR LOW-INCOME SENIOR HOME REPAIRS**
*Memphis Habitat will use the funds to provide home repairs for qualified senior homeowners
who recently applied to participate in the Aging In Place program.*



Shelby County, TN – Shelby County Government recently awarded Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis a \$977,000 grant for its Aging In Place program. The funds will help Memphis Habitat provide critical home repairs for older homeowners who have applied to participate in the program for 2022.

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The Aging In Place program serves older homeowners in Fayette and Shelby counties and provides accessibility improvements, mobility modifications, and critical home repairs. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis is the first Habitat for Humanity affiliate in the state of Tennessee to have an Aging In Place program.

Memphis Habitat's next application period for the program will reopen in early 2023. Homeowners are encouraged to visit www.memphishabitat.com/aging-in-place for more information about the program.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: "Housing is a vital necessity for all of us and our seniors deserve to live in a safe and healthy environment. Habitat for Humanity's Aging In Place program keeps seniors in their homes and reduces homelessness in our community. This grant will help them provide sustainable housing for more of our elders in need."

Dorcas Young Griffin, Shelby County Division of Community Services Director: "We are happy to collaborate with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis to help our older residents experience sustainable living conditions. The Aging In Place program is vital to our communities and we are happy to help Memphis Habitat meet the needs of our seniors."

Dwayne Spencer, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis: "We started the Aging In Place program in Shelby and Fayette counties because we saw a great need for sustainable housing among our older population. We are very appreciative of the additional funds we have received from Shelby County Government to continue our work to provide critical home repairs and accessibility needs for our elders."

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