

Public-private partnership to build free wheelchair ramps



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Free wheelchair ramps will be offered to disabled, low-income people in Jacksonville through a city program.

Jacksonville's Disabled Services Office will partner with the Home Builders Institute and the Jacksonville Job Corps to construct the ramps. The project will be funded by revenue from citations issued to people who illegally parked in spaces designated for the disabled, according to a news release.

"This is a great example of how public-private partnership is increasing value in our community," said Mayor Alvin Brown. "This is a wonderful opportunity to increase access and safety at homes throughout our city."

LaTanya Guillory-Major is program manager of the Home Builders Institute's PACT for Veterans program, which provides veterans with training in general construction and facilities maintenance.

"Civic engagement is an important part of all HBI programs, and it provides our students with a valuable opportunity to apply the techniques they learn in the classroom to a real-life setting," she said. "Volunteer opportunities like this one help make a difference to Jacksonville, and we are thrilled to put our skills to the test and lend a helping hand."

To be considered for a free ramp, go to bit.ly/ZBKhoj and download and complete a Pre-Screening Application and make an appointment with Delores Williams, Social Service Aide in the city Disabled Services office at (904) 630-4940.

For more information about the city Disabled Services programs, go to bit.ly/16cq2VK; about the Home Builders Institute, go to hbi.org; and about the Job Corps, go to jacksonville.jobcorps.gov.

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