

Accessible Faith Grant Application Resources

The following resources are provided to help you plan and accomplish your accessibility improvement projects.

1. **[The American Institute of Architects](#)** - On the home page, click on the box titled **[The Value of an AIA Architect](#)**.+ You can also click on the **[AIA Chapters Illinois](#)**.+ Illinois AIA Chapters relevant to the six-county area that Accessible Faith Grants cover are AIA Chicago, AIA Northeastern Illinois, and AIA Eastern Illinois.
2. **[The Great Lakes ADA Center and Information Technology Center](#)** - This site will link you to various accessibility publications and technical assistance resources, including the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), the U.S. Department of Justice 2010 ADA Standards, and the Illinois Accessibility Code (IAC).
3. The Great Lakes ADA Center also provides the following: **[The Obligations of Religious Organizations under the ADA](#)**.
4. This page on **[Pathways.org's](#)** website includes extensive information relating to accessibility and inclusion for all denominations.
5. You may learn more about architects, engineers, contractors, or equipment vendors operating in the Chicago metro and Northern Illinois areas at the **[Better Business Bureau](#)** website.
6. The **[Illinois Attorney General's](#)** website provides information on the Illinois Environmental Barriers Act (EBA) and other information about protecting the rights of people with disabilities.
7. **[2013 AFG grantees](#)**.

The following two resources were published in 2003 and include references to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and amendments in effect at the time. The U.S. Department of Justice issued new **[2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design](#)**. These standards replace the original ADA standards (ADAAG).

8. **[Accessible Faith: A Technical Guide for Accessibility in Houses of Worship](#)** is a 50-page, national guide designed to help congregations plan and implement accessibility projects.
9. **[Accessible Faith in Illinois](#)** is a supplement to the national guide noted above. It provides an overview of the specific requirements in Illinois, including the Illinois Accessibility Code (IAC), and how these pertain to houses of worship.