GRANTS FOR CRITICAL HOME REPAIRS

"Assisting individuals and families to remain in their homes and live independently in a safe and sound environment"

City of Columbus Home Safe & Sound Initiative

EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM

There is no re-payment, application fee or initial deposit required for services provided through this program. There are no door-to-door solicitations or unannounced home visits.
City representatives are available to meet with homeowners *by appointment only.*

Emergency Repair Program Eligibility
Eligible geographic locations, properties and households are designated by the City of Columbus Department of Development under the guidance of funding sources, rules and regulations. All initiatives will be subject to the availability of funding.

Additional eligibility criteria and program guidelines are listed on the reverse side.

INCOME LIMITS FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM				
FAMILY SIZE	**1 PERSON**	**2 PERSONS**	**3 PERSONS**	**4 PERSONS**
50% of median income	$32,800	$37,500	$42,200	$46,850
FAMILY SIZE	**5 PERSONS**	**6 PERSONS**	**7 PERSONS**	**8 PERSONS**
50% of median income	$50,600	$54,350	$58,100	$61,850
Income limits effective June 15, 2022				

WHAT MONEY IS AVAILABLE?

Applicants may be eligible for Grants of up to $7,500 (within a five-year period) for home repairs depending on household income and other underwriting criteria. Financing is dependent on availability of funds.

DO I QUALIFY?

1. You must have owned and occupied the home for a minimum of one year prior to applying for funds.
2. You must be a household earning 50% or less of the area median income (AMI) as determined by HUD with adjustments for household size (see chart). Income of all adult occupants is counted.
3. Your mortgage payments and property taxes must be current at the time of application.

DOES MY HOME QUALIFY?

1. You must own and live in a single family (one-unit) home located within the City of Columbus corporate limits.
2. The unit must present conditions creating an imminent danger to the public health and safety or to the health and safety of the residential owner-occupants.
3. Rent-to-own and/or properties being purchased under land contract agreements do not qualify.

WHAT KIND OF WORK CAN BE DONE ON MY HOME?

1. The Emergency Repair Program provides for essential repairs necessary to abate an identified emergency condition(s). City staff will determine the final scope of work allowable under the program guidelines.
2. Types of repairs include but are not limited to: loss of heat; leaking or inoperable hot water tanks; loss of electric; sparking or inoperable dominant electrical outlets, to **exclude** rewiring; inoperable sump pumps; exterior gas line breaks; exterior sewer line damage; exterior water line breaks or lines cited by the Water Division for critical repair; (interior/exterior); utility services cited/tagged for critical repair; and/or conditions a Code Enforcement Officer or Rehabilitation Technician has declared an emergency.

WHO DOES THE WORK?

Contractors meeting the requirements of all applicable provisions of City, State or Federal regulations will be authorized to perform the work.

HOW LONG BEFORE THE WORK IS COMPLETED?

Varies greatly upon compliance with documentation requests and homeowner accessibility for an average period of 1 to 4 weeks.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ME, THE APPLICANT?

1. An applicant must submit a completed application and all requested documents to the City in a timely manner.
2. An applicant must work cooperatively with City staff and private contractors to ensure a successful home repair project.

WHO DO I CALL?

The Emergency Repair Program Intake Line is 614-645-8526. Please email questions to: Home_Safe_and_Sound@Columbus.gov.