

Grants for Critical Home Repair

“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

CRITICAL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

There is no initial payment, application fee or 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*.

CRITICAL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM INCOME LIMITS for Non Veteran Households

FAMILY SIZE	1 PERSON	2 PERSONS	3 PERSONS	4 PERSONS
80% of median income	\$55,550	\$63,500	\$71,450	\$79,350
FAMILY SIZE	5 PERSONS	6 PERSONS	7 PERSONS	8 PERSONS
80% of median income	\$85,700	\$92,050	\$98,400	\$104,750

Income limits effective June 15, 2023

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.

WHAT MONEY IS AVAILABLE?

Applicants may be eligible for **Grants of up to \$20,000** depending on household income and other underwriting criteria. Financing is subject to availability of funds. Availability of funds is determined by the sequence of projects first to reach completion.

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. Multi-family dwellings, mobile homes and/or properties being purchased under land contract agreements do not qualify.
3. May consider accessibility modifications for an owner-occupied, single unit; or tenant-occupied unit, within multi-family dwellings with the express written consent of the property owner prior to project approval.

VETERAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS

FAMILY SIZE	1 PERSON	2 PERSONS	3 PERSONS	4 PERSONS
120% of median income	\$82,250	\$94,000	\$105,750	\$117,500
FAMILY SIZE	5 PERSONS	6 PERSONS	7 PERSONS	8 PERSONS
120% of median income	\$126,900	\$136,300	\$145,700	\$155,050

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DO I QUALIFY?

1. You must have owned and occupied the home for a minimum of one year prior to applying for funds. Tenant-occupied units being considered for Accessibility Modifications must have the written approval of the property owner prior to project approval.
2. You must be a household earning up to 80% 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. A Veteran household may earn up to 120% or less of the area median income (AMI) when there is an eligible veteran owner-occupant [or] an owner-occupant with an eligible veteran whose permanent address is the same as the homeowner's **and** the eligible veteran is **not** a rental tenant of the homeowner.
4. Your mortgage and property taxes must be current at the time of application. Tenant-occupied properties considered for Accessibility Modifications must have an active annual rent agreement that is paid current.
5. There can be no unresolved, active foreclosures, liens nor judgments.
6. The applicant(s) or disabled household member(s) must provide a non-Rx prescription [or] letterhead medical statement from a licensed physician [or] chiropractor identifying a physical disability limiting and/or impairing mobility along with the accessibility service request(s).

WHAT KIND OF WORK CAN BE DONE ON MY HOME?

1. The Critical Home Repair Program provides for prioritized essential home repairs. City staff will work with you to determine the priority and amount of work that is allowable under the program guidelines.
2. Funds can be used for work necessary to correct substandard, unsanitary or deteriorated condition(s). Types of repairs include correcting lead paint hazards; replacing roof and roofing elements; furnaces; hot water tanks; exterior gas, water and sewer lines; minor electric; securing bowing/shifting basement walls; replacement for critically damaged windows and/or siding to create sound, airtight and watertight environments.
3. Funds may also be used for health, and safety work necessary to eliminate physical barriers or increase independent living opportunities including but not limited to: custom designed ramps & handrails, widening doorways, modifying bathrooms for accessibility, installing grab bars, toilet assist railings, and porch or stair lifts, etc. in accordance with City housing standards.

WHO DOES THE REPAIR WORK?

You will contract with a private, City-licensed contractor selected through a bidding process with contractors on the Critical Home Repair Program Participating Contractor List.

HOW LONG BEFORE THE WORK IS COMPLETED?

The average home repair project from the time of application until completion of repairs is 9 to 12 months.

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 Critical Home Repair Program Intake Line is 614-645-8526. Email questions to: Home_Safe_and_Sound@Columbus.gov.