



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

## **JAMES JOHNSON HOME REPAIR PROGRAM**

The James Johnson Home Repair Program is funded by a capital budget amendment sponsored by the Columbus City Council.

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*.

### **2014 James Johnson Home 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.

#### **What Money Is Available?**

Applicants may be eligible for Grants of up to \$20,000 for home repairs depending on underwriting criteria. Financing is dependent upon availability of funds.

#### **Does My Home Qualify?**

- 1) You must own and live in a single-family home located within the designated area below.
- 2) Mobile homes and/or properties being purchased under land contract agreements do not qualify.

#### **Eligible Geographic Locations**

AREA <A>:	(North) Mooberry Street (South) Livingston Avenue	(West) Ohio Avenue ( East ) Alum Creek Drive
AREA <B>:	(North) Livingston Avenue (South) Whittier Street	(West) Studer Avenue ( East ) N & W R.R. east of Rhoads Avenue

#### **WHO DO I CALL?**

The James Johnson Home Repair Program Intake Line is 614-645-8526. Please email [Home Safe and Sound@columbus.gov](mailto:Home Safe and Sound@columbus.gov) with any questions.

## Do I Qualify?

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- 1) You must have owned and occupied the home for a minimum of one year prior to applying for funds.
- 2) Your mortgage payments and property taxes must be current at the time of application, or an existing, approved forbearance plan, loan modification agreement or delinquent tax contract may be presented for consideration.
- 3) You must document existing payment arrangements to resolve any outstanding income tax liens or civil judgments.
- 4) You must have an active, existing homeowner insurance policy.

## What Kind Of Work Can Be Done On My Home?

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- 1) The James Johnson 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 current 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 roofs and roof elements, furnaces, securing bowing/shifting basement walls, etc.
- 3) Funds may be also be used for health, safety, and accessibility work including but not limited to: installing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, ramps, and handrails in accordance with City housing standards.

## Who Does The Repair Work?

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You will contract with a private, City-licensed contractor selected through a bidding process with contractors on the City's Home Safe and Sound Participating Contractor List.

## How Long Before The Work Is Completed?

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

## What Is Required Of Me, The Applicant?

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- 1) An applicant must contact the James Johnson Home Repair Intake Line at 614-645-8526 and request an application to be mailed.
- 2) An applicant must work cooperatively with City staff and private contractors to ensure a successful home repair project.

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