

Ashtabula County

Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) Grant

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Owner Home Repair Program-

The purpose of the Home Repair program is to undertake serious home needs throughout the County. During the term of the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program the Home Repair grant will be made available to very low to moderate income owner-occupants within the County. Necessary repairs are evaluated by the rehabilitation specialist to see if they are determined to be a serious health or safety concern. **Trailers do not qualify for this program, unless situated on a permanent foundation and are classified as real estate.** A health and safety concern exist due to severe deterioration or mechanical failure, hazardous or dangerous condition exists for continued occupancy of the dwelling. Examples of these are as follows, however, not all possible examples are presented and therefore the program staff must make the final decision on whether a true emergency exists. 1. **Severe Deterioration** – Collapse of a roof or a portion of a roof above an occupied interior space or water seeping in. 2. **Mechanical Failure** – shuts down in operation, breakage, and/or stoppage of a mechanical system such as Heating, Plumbing, Wells, Septic Systems (no aeration systems), or Hot Water Heaters, which will result in a complete cessation of their usage by the occupants. The grant is to eliminate **ONE** housing condition or deficiency, which promotes a health and safety hazard to the occupant.

Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program -

The purpose of this program is to rehabilitate a one family housing unit, which are owned and occupied by low and moderate-income households. Eligible items for this program include: roofs, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, furnaces, hot water heaters, insulation, windows (must contain lead), doors (must contain lead), accessibility improvements and lead based paint abatement. The owner-occupied rehabilitation program focuses on the entire home not just ONE housing condition or deficiency.

Assistance is in the form of a 0% loan, a non-amortizing loan with 100% of the loan forgiven over a four-year period, at a rate of 25% deductible per year. The deferred loan subsidies will be secured by a second mortgage on the property. If the property evaluation done by the Rehabilitation Specialist exceeds the state allowable assistance, Ashtabula County will have to institute its walk away policy and no assistance will be granted.

This Program is NOT a REMODELING PROGRAM and WILL NOT address any cosmetic items.

Program Guidelines-

- Must own the home (more than a year)
- Must have Homeowners Insurance
- Must be on an approved payment plan if delinquent on Property Taxes
- Must be current on Mortgage
- Must not have participated in the program before

Homeowners must not exceed the income guidelines listed below.

Household Size	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
Maximum Income	\$37,150	\$42,450	\$47,750	\$53,050	\$57,300	\$61,550	\$65,800	\$70,050