

Household Income Guidelines

Total household income for all residents must be below the following amounts to be eligible:

Number of Residents in Household	Total Income Limit
1	\$34,850
2	\$39,800
3	\$44,800
4	\$49,750
5	\$53,750
6	\$57,750
7	\$61,700
8	\$65,700

How Do I Apply?

Contact Community Development at 215-2120. A Housing Program staff member will ask for certain information over the phone to determine participant eligibility. Upon initial screening, participants will be mailed a pre-screening application to complete and return or be placed on the waiting list if necessary. After the pre-screening application is reviewed, the applicant will be contacted and an appointment will be made to take the full loan application.

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Eligibility Requirements

Meet income guidelines (see chart).
Ability to repay debt (credit history, debt & income review).
Home must be owner occupied and principal residence. [Rental & investment properties are not eligible]
Mortgage, taxes and homeowners insurance must be current.
No open judgments recorded against the property. No judgments on credit report without a payment plan in place.
Homeowner must not have received a full rehab from the City's Owner Occupied Rehab Program or assistance from HOME Down Payment Assistance in the past 10 years.
Environmental/historic review may be required.
Homes built before 1978 may require testing for lead hazards.
Verification of all information submitted by applicant.
Homeowner will be required to relocate during the rehabilitation.



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Housing Rehabilitation For Homeowners



Making decent, safe, and affordable housing available to low-to-moderate income families in Knoxville.



What is the Housing Rehabilitation Program?

The Housing Rehabilitation Program offers financial and technical assistance for low-to-moderate income homeowners to make repairs they otherwise could not afford. The loan terms are based on participant income and ability to pay. We have several ways to make expensive projects affordable:

Direct Loans

- 1-3% interest
- Paid back monthly to the City over 20-year term.

Deferred Payment Loans

- Forgiven or reduced in value by 10% each year over a 10-year period as long as participants reside in and own the property, maintain property taxes and keep homeowner's insurance.
- No monthly payment required as long as program requirements are met.
- Used in combination with a payable loan if participant is income eligible.
- Maximum deferred loan \$25,000.

Approval guidelines are subject to change.



Before



After

What Kind of Work is Done?

Housing Rehabilitation Program funds are used to bring the home up to Community Development Neighborhood Housing Standards. These standards include:

- Correcting code violations.
- Making the home more energy efficient.
- Repairing major systems such as heating, electrical, plumbing, and roofing.
- Making necessary repairs to indoor and outdoor surfaces such as floors, walls, and siding.

An additional 5% of the project costs may be used for General Property Improvements to make your property more livable and enjoyable.

In some cases, the cost of rehabilitation of the home is unreasonable compared with the cost of constructing a new home. In this case, participants may be eligible to use the financing to build a new replacement home on the existing lot.



ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping to save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

The Community Development Department is committed to Energy Star certification on all new replacement homes.

Who Will Do The Work?

Housing Rehabilitation Specialists on our staff will provide technical assistance by completing a thorough inspection of the home to determine what work is needed, estimating the cost of the work, and assisting the homeowner in getting bid proposals from contractors.



The homeowner will select and contract with a licensed General Contractor who will perform the rehabilitation work. The City keeps a list of contractors who have been approved for the program. Participants may have the job put out to bid to these contractors or select a specific contractor subject to a review and acceptance of the contractor's qualifications by the Community Development Department.

Contractor Qualifications

- Home Improvement license or Contractor's License.
- Credit Review
- Proof of insurance, including worker's compensation
- References
- Meet Community Development Dept. contractor criteria.

(To join the City's list of qualified contractors, call 865-215-2120.)