

LANDLORD PROGRAMS

Rental Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

Provides an all-inclusive repair and rehabilitation program for single-family (1-4) rental units. The Home Improvement and Preservation Program (HIPP) expands to offer a repayment loan program to landlords which lease to low income household, with the purpose of making needed improvements and preserving affordable housing. HIPP is designed to finance home improvements and address health, safety, accessibility modifications, reconstruction and structural/deferred maintenance deficiencies.

Eligibility

- The property must be a single-family home (1-4 units). Properties with over 5 units are not eligible for rehabilitation assistance under this program.
- The property must reside within the city limits of Dallas.
- Applicant must lease the unit to a household with an annual gross income at or below the eighty percent (80%) of the Area Median Family Income (AMFI).
- Applicant must provide evidence of property ownership. Additionally, City shall require a title search to verify whether liens or deed restrictions exist.
- Applicant and tenants must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident, have a valid Social Security card, and current Texas State issued identification card or Driver License.
- Applicant must be current with the mortgage company meaning not more than 30 days past due.
- Property taxes must be current. Property taxes must not be delinquent for any tax year.
- Tenant household's annual gross income must be at or below the 80% of the Area Median Income.
- Standard property insurance, satisfactory to the City, must be maintained on the property (with coverage adequate to insure the City's lien position). If a property is located in a flood plain, flood insurance must also be maintained with coverage adequate to insure the City's lien position.
- Applicant must adhere to the City Code Section 20-A and comply with HUD rent limits.

Maximum Assistance Limits

For rehabilitation activities, the maximum amount of assistance provided shall not exceed 47.5% of the HUD HOME Value Limits for existing properties.

For reconstruction activities, the maximum amount of assistance provided shall not exceed 75% of the HUD HOME Value Limits for new construction. The Chief of Economic and Neighborhood Services may on a case by case basis administratively approve (without Housing Committee approval) additional assistance not to exceed 10% above the maximum limit for any Rental Rehabilitation or Reconstruction project under the following circumstances:

- To address outstanding repairs or necessary work to close out an existing project.
- The need to provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or other local, state or federal law;
- Unanticipated costs deemed necessary to meet applicable City Codes;
- Unforeseen environmental issues; and
- Addressing issues that threaten life, health, safety and welfare of the public.

It should be noted that the Rental Rehabilitation and Reconstruction establishes maximum per unit thresholds below the HUD required maximum per-unit dollar limitations established under HUD Section 234 Condominium Housing Limit. Thus, no individual project under this program can exceed these HOME maximum subsidy limits.

Terms of Assistance

The terms of assistance to Applicants of Rental Repair and Rehabilitation will be in the form of a three percent (3%) interest rate loan. If the landlord does not comply with the requirements set out in this program, including but not limited, leasing to a household over eighty percent (80%) AMFI, then the full loan shall be immediately due and payable in full. If the property is transferred through sale during the term of the loan, the balance shall also be immediately due and payable in full.

Credit Standards

Following are the credit standards for HIPP:

- No Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 bankruptcy if primary or any mortgage is included as a secured creditor on the subject property for which the City or subrecipient will place a lien securing the loan.

Eligible Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Scope

Eligible rehabilitation and reconstruction activities will include all items necessary to bring the structure into compliance with the City's written rehabilitation standards and applicable local residential codes; including items recommended as necessary to preserve the property's structural integrity, historic integrity, weatherization, and quality of living conditions. The scope of work must address all major systems that have a remaining useful life for a minimum of 5 years at project completion, or the system must be rehabilitated or replaced as part of the scope of work. Major systems are identified as structural support (foundation); roofing; cladding and weatherproofing (e.g., windows, doors, siding, gutters); plumbing; electrical; and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

Improvements to or demolition of an accessory structure such as detached garage, work shed, or small residential structure will be made on a case by case basis depending on the available budget, grant requirements, current building codes, health and safety concerns, and minimum occupancy requirements of residents of the property.

Amount of Assistance	Term
Less than \$5,001	5 Years
\$5,001 to \$50,000	10 years
Over \$50,001	15 years
Reconstruction Only	20 years

Assistance to remove of any items from the property that are considered to be dangerous, hazardous, or a violation of local code are eligible in conjunction with the rehabilitation of the property.

Assistance may not be used for the purchase or repairs of appliances (except for energy efficient window units) or renovations not necessary to bring the home up to local code or property

standards. Unnecessary renovations include but are not limited to luxury items (granite counter tops, swimming pools, spas, high end fixtures); tree trimming; fences; and landscaping.

Refinancing

Refinancing of an existing mortgage, equity loan, or liens from lot clearance/demolition is an eligible refinancing expense up to \$10,000. The total debt, including refinanced amount and rehabilitation costs, cannot exceed 100% of the after-rehabilitation value of the property. Refinancing of revolving loan accounts, vehicles, credit card debt, or property taxes are NOT allowable refinancing expenses. Cash out is also not permissible.