

NEED HELP WITH HOME REPAIRS?

The City of Big Rapids offers the Housing Rehabilitation Mini-Grant Program to help local homeowners on a limited budget make needed repairs and updates to the exterior of their homes.

The program provides small reimbursement grants of \$500.00 or less to low-income homeowners who reside within the Big Rapids city limits.

When property owners maintain and take pride in the appearance of their homes, they are helping to making the Big Rapids community a safe and inviting place to live. The City is here to lend a hand.

To apply, visit cityofbr.org or contact Megan Eppley, Grant Coordinator, in the Community Development Department. at (231) 592-4032 or via email at meppley@cityofbr.org.



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The Housing Rehabilitation Mini-Grant Program provides small reimbursement grants of **\$500.00 or less** to low-income City residents to make much needed repairs and improvements to the exterior of their property.

Examples of qualified repairs include:

- siding repair
- exterior painting
- sidewalk repair or replacement
- roof, porch, or window repair



PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- Property must be owner-occupied. Rental properties are not eligible.
- Applicant must reside within the Big Rapids city limits.
- Property owner must meet low-income qualification as determined by HUD Income Limits. (see attached table)
- Project must be for exterior repairs.
- Homeowner must submit an application, photo of structure and area to be repaired, work estimate, and declaration of income.
- Homeowner will receive notification of grant award within 2 weeks of application submission.
- A site inspection must be made by the Community Development Department.
- Project must be completed and receipts of payment along with photo of completed work by **June 14**.
- The Mini-Grant payment will be processed and mailed to homeowner within two weeks of receiving photo of completed work and proof of payment.
- Direct contractor reimbursement or material reimbursement may be possible and will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Contact the Community Development Department to discuss your options.



Mini-grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis for owner-occupied properties only. Rental units will not be considered.

Homeowners who have previously received mini-grant funds will be placed on a waitlist to give priority to first-time applicants.

HUD Income Limits by Size of Household

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Household Income</u>
1 Person	\$44,600
2 People	\$51,000
3 People	\$57,350
4 People	\$63,700
5 People	\$68,800
6 People	\$73,900
7 People	\$79,000
8 People	\$84,190

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