Available Home Repair Grants for Low-Income Families

Families must income qualify for all programs

For Low and Moderate-Income Homeowners:

State Emergency Relief (SER)- Home Repair Services, Michigan Department of Human Services (only for homeowners):
- SER can only be used for emergency repairs that have a direct threat on health and safety (non-functioning furnaces, water heater replacement, repair or replacement of septic systems).
- There is a lifetime maximum of $4000 for energy-related home repairs or $1500 for non-energy (hot water heater, septic system) related repairs.
- Homeowners must obtain at least one estimate before applying. They may be asked to provide two additional estimates.
- Homeowners apply through their DHS caseworker.
- If they do not have a case worker, they can call 313-456-1000 for more information about eligibility.
- **Condition of the program:** Families must be current on property taxes.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Repair Program, Detroit Planning and Development Department (only for Detroit homeowners):
- This is the largest grant available to address any repairs that are needed to bring the house up to code (roof repair, porch and stairway repair, asbestos abatement, lead abatement).
- Homeowner will be put on a waiting list for this program. Names are drawn from this list to receive a CDBG Home Repair Application as targeted areas are identified.*
- Call 313-224-3461 or visit http://www.detroitmi.gov/DepartmentsandAgencies/PlanningDevelopmentDepartment/HousingServices/HomeRepairProgram.aspx for more information. Homeowner must complete the referral form and e-mail it to the City of Detroit Planning and Development Department at hrp@detroitmi.gov.
- **Conditions of the program:** Must have homeowners insurance and be current on property taxes.

*At time of publication, this program was on hold. However, we expect the waiting list to re-open Summer, 2013.

Both Rental-Properties and Owner-Occupied Homes

Weatherization Assistance Program, Wayne Metro Community Action Agency:
- This is for repairs to reduce energy costs, including insulation, possible furnace replacement or repair, and refrigerator replacement.
- Families must income qualify. For rental properties, this is based on the tenant’s income.
- Families would call 734-525-1341 to be added to the waiting list.
- **Condition of the program:** If a house has roof leaks or asbestos around pipes, family may be denied for weatherization.
Lead Abatement Home Repairs for Low-Income Families
Both Rental-Properties and Owner-Occupied Homes/ Must Have Children Under 6

Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), Lead Safe Home Program:
- Up to $8000 to address lead hazards in the home (windows, doors).
- Possibility of assistance with minor repairs but could not address major roof leaks, electrical problems.
- Families must income qualify. For rental properties, this is based on the tenant’s income.
- This grant must address all lead hazards, so if $8000 is not enough to cover the lead abatement, the homeowner would need to come up with the remaining money (i.e. if this is a big house with many old windows, this grant may not be enough money for abatement).
- Call CLEARCorps Detroit at 313-924-4000 to ask for a Lead Safe Homes application. Visit www.michigan.gov/leadsafe for more information.
- **Conditions of this program:** Child/children under 6 must be tested for lead. Families must be current on property taxes.

Lead Safe Wayne County:
- Up to $8000 to address lead hazards in the home (windows, doors).
- Types of repairs, eligibility, and income limits are similar to the MDCH Lead Safe Home Program.
- For Wayne County residents not living in the City of Detroit (Detroit residents can apply to the Lead Safe Homes Program).
- Call 734-727-7400 or email leadsafewaynecounty@wayneounty.com with questions.

### Income Eligibility*

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*These are guidelines as of February 2013. Please note that guidelines may change and there may be additional income eligibility requirements for each program.

**These guidelines are for energy-related repairs only; guidelines for other SER programs may be lower.