

KENT COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SERVICES

HOUSING REPAIR PROGRAM

WHAT THE PROGRAM DOES:

The Community Development Housing Repair program provides funds for repairs and renovations that will bring a home up to housing code standards. Examples of some of the types of work done are: electrical, plumbing, roofing, heating and structural renovations.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- * An application for assistance is filled out and additional information verifications are mailed.
- * An inspection of the home is done, and a list of repairs is completed.
- * Bids are requested from County-Approved licensed Contractors.
- * The bids are evaluated, and the job is awarded to the lowest bidding responsive Contractor.
- * The selected Contractor then completes the approved work as per the work write-up and any County-approved changes, and the County pays the Contractor for work completed.
- * To avoid abuse of the Housing Repair Program, a lien (in the form of a mortgage) is placed on the property being repaired. This lien has a 0% interest rate and NO monthly payments. The term of the lien is 5-10 years, depending upon the amount of funds spent. At the end of the lien term, the mortgage is considered satisfied.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

- * The residence being considered for a grant must be owner-occupied.
- * The total annual income of the occupants cannot exceed the income limits set for Kent County, Delaware.
- * There is adequate hazard insurance on the property being considered for assistance prior to the start of work
- * All City and County taxes, sewer fees and property assessments are paid.

PROGRAM INCOME LIMITS:

By total household size *:

1 Person -	\$ 38,300	5 Person -	\$ 59,100
2 Person -	\$ 43,800	6 Person -	\$ 63,500
3 Person -	\$ 49,250	7 Person -	\$ 67,850
4 Person -	\$ 54,700	8 Person -	\$ 72,250

* (Income includes **all** sources of income from everyone living in the home)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Effective: July 1, 2020

For additional information, or to be placed onto the waiting list, please contact the
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