INTRODUCTION

In a city with aging housing stock, gaining access to home repair resources is critical for Detroit residents to attain housing stability. Adequate and affordable housing is a bedrock for economic mobility, allowing homeowners to generate wealth and age in place with autonomy. This guide, compiled by Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan, is designed to document existing home repair resources available in the city and connect residents to the services they need. We hope this guide can better inform community organizations about existing programs and encourage all stakeholders to work together to leverage resources to better meet the demand for home repair in Detroit. In fact, in Section 5 of this guide, we included names and contact information of individuals who are interested in working together to promote coordination among home repair services in Detroit.

Despite the tremendous and innovative efforts of governments and nonprofits in the home repair ecosystem, our research uncovered that there are simply not enough resources available to meet demand. Many programs are at capacity, with long waitlist. Moreover, many residents most in need of home repair resources often do not qualify for programs from which they could benefit. Forthcoming research will explore existing needs in the home repair ecosystem and provide options for addressing them.

ORGANIZATION OF THIS GUIDE

Each program description in this guide includes the name of the program and administering agency, program description, eligibility requirements, income guidelines, area of availability, types of repairs, how to apply, and contact information. While the focus of this guide is to document available programs in Detroit, you should refer to each program to find out if their service area is applicable to you. Please reference the glossary at the end of this guide for definitions of commonly used terms.

The guide is organized in the following sections:

1. Home Repair Loan Programs
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THE PROGRAM
The Property Improvement Program (PIP), administered by MSHDA-approved participating lenders, provides eligible homeowners with loans up to $25,000 to fund home repair projects that protect or improve the basic livability of the home. There is a 20-year repayment period and interest rates range from 4% to 8%, depending on gross household income and lending charges. Estimated interest rate on a 20-year loan is 4% if gross household income is less than $19,999.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Homeowners must have equity in their home and a minimum credit score of 620. The home must be the borrower’s primary residence, either single-family or manufactured home. Cumulative Loan to Value is 105%. Debt-to-Income (DTI) must be less than 45%.

INCOME GUIDELINES
Households with annual income up to $105,700 qualify for this program.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
State of Michigan
TYPES OF REPAIRS
Improvements must substantially protect or improve the basic livability of a single-family or manufactured home.
Major systems repairs, replacement, and energy efficiency updates include:
- Roofing, insulation, siding, windows, and doors;
- Heating, air conditioning, plumbing, and electrical;
- Kitchen and bathroom remodeling;
- Attic and basement finishing, garage, carport, and decks;
- Septic and sewer replacements.

HOW TO APPLY
If applicant appears to meet the eligibility guidelines and is interested in taking out a loan, visit MSHDA’s website to fill out the PIP payment estimator to estimate monthly payments. If a resident is still interested in the program, call Chemical Bank or First Independent Bank directly to ask any outstanding questions and visit the location to obtain an application.

CONTACT INFORMATION
First Independence Bank
7310 Woodward Ave., suite 101
Detroit MI, 48202
313-256-8430
Lesa Hughes, lhughes@firstindependence.com
Website: https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,4641,7-141-45866_47906_49317---,00.html
LIBERTY BANK HOME RESTORATION AND ACQUISITION PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM
Liberty Bank’s Home Restoration and Acquisition Program (HRAP) is a new non-traditional mortgage loan that allows homebuyers to finance the acquisition and/or any required repairs or renovations to their home being purchased in Hardest Hit Priority Neighborhoods in the City of Detroit. Homes must be owner-occupied, and the borrower only pays interest (not the actual cost of the mortgage) during the construction or renovation phase, after which the loan converts to a permanent mortgage based on the final value of the home. Loan amount varies depending on approval. Closing Cost Assistance up to $15,000 is available for qualified borrowers. Detroit Public Schools Community District employees may qualify for up to $20,000 in down-payment assistance. The minimum loan amount is $50,000.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Qualified borrowers must occupy the home as a primary residence. Homes purchased from the Land Bank’s auction also can apply to this program, and the house must be located in Hardest Hit Priority Neighborhoods in the City of Detroit. Liberty Bank determines the underwriting criteria, which includes reviewing past delinquencies. Borrowers must have a minimum 600 credit score. Loan approval amount and interest varies depending on your credit score and DTI.

INCOME GUIDELINES
There are no income guidelines stated on the website. Interested borrowers should contact Liberty Bank directly to confirm if they meet underwriting criteria.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
Homeowner must be located in one of the following neighborhoods: North End, Boston Edison, Jefferson Chalmers, Southwest, Grandmont Rosedale, University District, Marygrove, Bagley, Morningside, East English Village, or Cornerstone.
TYPES OF REPAIRS
Type of repairs are not listed on the website.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact Liberty Bank to complete an application and apply for the loan. After pre-qualification, the homeowner is responsible for having an appraisal completed and obtaining a detailed scope of work from a licensed contractor. To register for homebuyer's education please contact one of the following local HUD-certified housing counseling agencies: U-SNAP-BAC, Southwest Economic Solutions, or Central Detroit Christian.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Call the Detroit office of Liberty Bank at 313-873-3310.
Website: https://www.libertybank.net/community/detroit.cfm
MICHIGAN SAVES RESIDENTIAL LOAN PROGRAM AND LEAD POISONING PREVENTION FUND

THE PROGRAM
The Michigan Saves Residential Loan Program provides low-interest financing options to residents across the state to help them take control of their energy costs and make non-energy-related improvements when necessary to complete an energy project. Beyond this program offering, Michigan Saves’ new Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund allows residents to finance lead abatement work in their homes. Loans for both programs are available up to $100,000 with a maximum repayment period of 15 years. Interest rates vary depending on credit history and the lender.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Owner-occupied, single-family homes with fewer than four attached units are eligible for financing. Income properties are eligible if the property owner is the applicant; renters cannot apply for financing. The minimum credit score for a Michigan Saves loan is 600. All customers must have a debt-to-gross income ratio of 50 percent or less. All bankruptcies should be discharged for at least 12 months. Customers should not have any outstanding tax liens, collections, or money judgments on their credit report. Homes built before 1978 are likely to have lead paint hazards. Those only interested in lead abatement work are strongly encouraged to first explore the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services’ (MDHHS’) Lead Safe Home Program, which might be able to abate all the lead in a home at no cost to the homeowner. If you do not qualify for the MDHHS program, the Michigan Saves’ new Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund may work for you.

INCOME GUIDELINES
Interested borrowers should contact Michigan Saves directly via phone to confirm if they meet underwriting criteria.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
State of Michigan
TYPES OF IMPROVEMENTS
As a general rule, an improvement is eligible for financing if it has an Energy Star® label. The most common improvements are air sealing, exterior doors, insulation, roofing, and windows; air conditioning systems, air source heat pumps, boilers, furnaces, geothermal systems, and water heaters; battery storage and solar photovoltaic systems. Non-energy related improvements, such as asbestos abatement, building code updates, or wiring, can be included if the improvement is necessary to complete an energy project. Homeowners can finance lead paint abatement services through Michigan Saves’ Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund, which includes a full home lead inspection at no cost to the homeowner.

The [website](#) has a full list of eligible improvements for the Residential Loan Program and provides information on the [Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund](#).

HOW TO APPLY

RESIDENTIAL LOAN PROGRAM
Customers can select a Michigan Saves authorized contractor (from the [website](#)) to get an estimate on qualifying energy improvements (residents are encouraged to get multiple estimates, but it is not required). Once the customer has accepted the contractor’s estimate, the authorized contractor will provide the phone number or web address to the Michigan Saves loan application center and their six-digit ID number. The customer should call to apply or apply online. The application process takes about ten minutes and, in most cases, the customer receives a loan decision at the end of the process. Customers must work through a Michigan Saves authorized contractor.

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION FUND
Customers should first visit the Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund’s [website](#) and sign a letter of intent so that Michigan Saves can schedule a home lead inspection. Once the customer receives the results of their inspection, they can select a Michigan Saves authorized contractor.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Customer Service: 517-484-6474
Website: [www.michigansaves.org](http://www.michigansaves.org)
THE PROGRAM
The Michigan Saves Detroit Loan Fund provides low-interest financing options to Detroit residents so that they can take control of their energy costs. For those whose credit score disqualifies them from the traditional Residential Loan Program or income-qualified programs through a utility provider, they can apply for a Michigan Saves loan with TRUE Community Credit Union. Loans are available up to $15,000 for energy improvements with a maximum repayment period of ten years. Interest rates are fixed at 7% APR.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Owner-occupied, single-family homes with fewer than four attached units in Detroit are eligible for financing. Income properties are eligible if the property owner is the applicant; renters cannot apply for financing. There is no minimum credit score to be considered for a loan for the Detroit Loan Fund. Michigan Saves will use alternative underwriting criteria to determine the customer’s ability to pay. Customers must select TRUE Community Credit Union as the lender when applying for a loan.

INCOME GUIDELINES
Interested borrowers should contact Michigan Saves directly by phone to confirm if they meet underwriting criteria.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
City of Detroit
TYPES OF IMPROVEMENTS
As a general rule, an improvement is eligible for financing if it has an Energy Star® label. The most common improvements are air sealing, exterior doors, insulation, roofing, and windows; air conditioning systems, air source heat pumps, boilers, furnaces, geothermal systems, and water heaters; battery storage and solar photovoltaic systems. Non energy-related improvements—such as asbestos abatement, building code updates, or wiring—can be included if the improvement is necessary to complete an energy project. Projects only abating lead are not eligible for the Detroit Loan Fund.

HOW TO APPLY
Customers can select a Michigan Saves authorized contractor (from the website) to get an estimate on qualifying energy improvements (residents are encouraged to get multiple estimates, but it is not required). Once a customer has accepted the contractor’s estimate, the authorized contractor will provide the phone number or web address to the Michigan Saves loan application center and their six-digit ID number. The customer must select TRUE Community Credit Union as the financial institution and should either call to apply or apply online. Customers must work through a Michigan Saves authorized contractor. If a customer would like to work with a contractor who is not authorized, the contractor must complete an application to become authorized before the customer can apply for financing.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Customer Service: 517-484-6474
Website: www.michigansaves.org
THE PROGRAM
The City of Detroit’s 0% Interest Home Repair Loan Program, launched in 2015, is a city-led partnership with Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and Bank of America. This public-private commitment, which leverages HUD funding with private capital from Bank of America, is focused on revitalizing Detroit’s neighborhoods. It is designed to help homeowners address health and safety issues, fix their homes, and eliminate blight. The program provides 10-year, interest-free loans from $5,000 to $25,000 to help Detroit homeowners invest in and repair their homes—promoting public health and safety, increasing property values, and helping residents secure and maintain homeowner’s insurance. Contractors performing the work for this program must be on the approved Housing & Revitalization Department (HRD) contractor list. Homeowners have the option of self-selecting contractors from the list of HRD-approved contractors or allowing the G.S. Group as the construction manager for 0% program to select the contractors on their behalf.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Homeowners must own and occupy their home for at least six months prior to applying. The minimum credit score is 560. Homeowner’s insurance and property taxes must be current. Homeowners must provide at least one quote for homeowner’s insurance or a copy of the cancellation letter from the insurance company at the time of application. Homeowners who are on a property tax repayment plan and provide three receipts can still be considered for the loan. The loan is based on what the homeowner can afford; the credit history and underwriting ratios (debt-to-income less than 45% and housing ratio less than 35%) are considered as part of the underwriting process. Homeowners can check online what their estimated monthly payment will be for the program. If you already have a mortgage, you may be eligible for a loan if the loan-to-value ratio is less than 150%. There are several documents required for submitting a complete application (see the “how to apply” section below).
INCOME GUIDELINES
Low- to moderate-income homeowners (less than 80% AMI) can apply no matter where they live in Detroit. Check the table below to see if you qualify based on income, which is updated annually based on HUD Area Median Income (AMI) guidelines. Regardless of income, homeowners who live in an eligible HUD target area can apply for the program; check the map available online.

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<td>Household Income Limit</td>
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TYPES OF REPAIRS
Health and safety hazards — including lead, mold, and asbestos — and code violations must be addressed before other general repairs can be made. Below are the types of eligible repairs, including but not limited to:
- Removal of lead and other health/safety hazards (required);
- Electrical repairs;
- Furnace and HVAC replacement;
- Roof replacement;
- Plumbing;
- Door and window replacement;
- Concrete repairs (sidewalks, driveways); and
- Porches, foundations, kitchen/bathroom upgrades, and other structural repairs.

HOW TO APPLY
Homeowners can download the Intake Form online, but they are encouraged to contact an Intake Center (see locations below) to receive an application and see if they qualify for the home repair loan. Intake Centers work with homeowners to complete the application correctly and submit the application and required documents on your behalf.

The following documents are required when applying:
- Photo identification for each member of the household age 18 and older: copy of a current driver’s license, state ID card, or City of Detroit ID card;
- Documents that show ownership of the house for at least six months at the time of application: recorded warranty deed, quit claim deed, or land contract (warranty deeds must accompany all recorded quit claim deeds);
- Death and marriage certificates for owners must be provided, if applicable, and probate documents or divorce decree must be provided, if applicable;
• Copy of current, paid property tax bill (city or county) or approved payment plan with the Treasurer’s Officer with evidence of at least three consecutive payments in accordance with the agreed upon terms of the plan;
• Current mortgage statement, if applicable;
• Copy of current fire or hazard home insurance (must be at least equal to the amount of the grant);
• Birth certificates, or guardianship papers, for each dependent residing in the house: religious, hospital or physician’s certificate showing date of birth, adoption record, previously verified school records, or affidavit from a parent (last option);
• Blood lead level test results for all children under the age of 6 (results must be dated within four months of application submission);
• Proof of income: submit for each member of the household 18 years and older a copy of two most-recent paycheck stubs, two years of federal tax returns, two years of W-2s, and two months of bank statements. Other items such as Social Security award letters, pension statements, MDHHS award letters, etc. OR an affidavit of non-employment signed, dated and notarized for each non-working householder over 18 years also will be accepted;
• Self-employed applicants must submit: two years of tax returns with Schedule C showing amount earned; two months of bank statements; and a notarized profit and loss statement.

CONTACT INFORMATION
To submit your intake forms, call the nearest intake center to set up an appointment. You must bring your completed forms and all required documentation to the intake appointment.

Northwest
Cody Rogue Community Action Alliance, 19321 Chicago West
313-397-9280
New Hope Community Development, 19487 Evergreen
313-255-6275
Wayne Metro Community Action Agency, 18100 Meyers
313-388-9799

Eastside
Jefferson East, Inc., 300 River Place, Suite 5250 (by appointment only) or 1018 Chalmers (walk-ins on Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
313-331-7939
U-SNAP-BAC, 14901 East Warren Ave.
313-640-1100
Central Woodward
Central Detroit Christian CDC, 1550 Taylor St.
313-873-0064
Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, 2777 E. Grand Blvd.
313-557-4828
Operation ABLE, 47500 Woodward Ave., suite 207
313-832-0922
Wayne Metro Community Action Agency, 138 Cortland, Highland Park
313-388-9799

Southwest
Bridging Communities, 6900 McGraw Ave.
313-361-6377
Southwest Economic Solutions, 2835 Bagley, suite 800
313-841-9641
SER Metro Detroit, 9215 Michigan Ave.
313-846-2240, ext. 4248

Website: [http://www.detroithomeloans.org/](http://www.detroithomeloans.org/)
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DETROIT HOME REPAIR FUND

THE PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Detroit homeowners will need to apply to the 2022 Homeowners Property Exemption to be eligible for assistance from the repair fund.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
City of Detroit
INCOME GUIDELINES

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TYPES OF REPAIRS
Roofs, foundations, stairs, windows, drywall and more.

HOW TO APPLY
Residents should call (313) 306-2082 to express interest in participating.

CONTACT
THE PROGRAM
The State Emergency Relief (SER) program assists with home repairs to correct unsafe conditions and restore essential services, including repair or replacement of non-functioning furnaces, hot water heaters, or septic systems. Energy-related repairs have a lifetime maximum of $4,000 per SER group. Non-energy-related home repairs, including hot water heaters and septic systems for client-owned housing, have a lifetime maximum of $1,500 per SER group. An SER group is defined as people who occupy the same home. Payments are applied to each individual in the SER group and follow the individual even if they move from one household to another. If the estimate exceeds the cap limit for the requested service, the client would have a copayment to make and verify before the SER payment can be authorized.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
To receive home repairs, the following conditions must be met:
Applicant must be the owner or purchaser of the home, or hold a life estate or life lease on the home with the responsibility for home repairs.

- The home is the applicant's permanent, usual residence.
- The home is not listed for sale.
- The home is not in jeopardy of loss. Repairs will be denied if there is a house payment or property tax arrearage, unless a workable plan exists for paying the arrearage.
- The ongoing cost of maintaining the home is affordable to the applicant (total housing costs cannot exceed 75% of the group's net income).

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
State of Michigan
INCOME GUIDELINES

Energy-related assistance: If household income exceeds the monthly income listed below, then you do not qualify for energy-related assistance

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Non-energy related assistance: If your household income exceeds the monthly income listed below, the excess amount becomes your copayment and your responsibility

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<td>Non-cash Asset Limit</td>
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TYPES OF REPAIRS

Some examples of eligible home repairs include repairs to the basic structure, doors/windows, or roofs and replacement of a non-functioning furnace, hot water heater, or septic system. Energy-related repairs are limited to the repair/replacement of a non-functioning furnace.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for SER, applicants can use the DHS-1514 State Emergency Relief application, the MDHHS-1171 Assistance application, and the MDHHS-1171-SER State Emergency Relief supplemental form, which can be obtained online at [www.michigan.gov/mdhhs](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs) or at your local DHHS office. You also can apply online at [www.michigan.gov/mibridges](http://www.michigan.gov/mibridges). Homeowners can also check their eligibility and other benefit information on their MI Bridges account.

CONTACT

If you have questions about the program that cannot be answered online, contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services office in Wayne County.

Southwest Service Center
2524 Clark St.
Detroit, MI 48209
313-456-1000
Website: [https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_5531---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_5531---,00.html)
THE PROGRAM
The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) provides MSHDA grant funding to non-profit agencies and certain local units of government statewide engaged in activities directly tied to stabilization and enhancement of neighborhoods. The program's primary goals are to identify and fund innovative activities to address a neighborhood’s specific needs; assist and then showcase Michigan neighborhood(s) where people are engaged and facilitating change; and to provide funding to facilitate and implement activities. The NEP program can financially assist high-impact, innovative, neighborhood housing-oriented activities that benefit low- and moderate-income areas and residents. There are three eligible neighborhood components: neighborhood public amenity enhancements, housing enhancement/exterior rehabilitation, and housing enhancements/interior rehabilitation to single-family homes.

All three components are designed to fund tangible housing-oriented activities that are implementation ready, highly visible, impactful to the neighborhood and residents’ quality of life, holistically/community focused, and where there is buy-in and demonstrated support within the neighborhood community.

Community-based organizations and non-profit agencies must use at least half of the grant money received specifically for single-family home repairs, and the other half can go towards public amenity enhancements. Organizations also can use all the grant money for home repairs. Approximately $2 million will be available for 2022 applications for the State of Michigan, and approved organizations typically receive around $50,000 each.
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Community based organizations and non-profit agencies must serve residents with NEP grant funding who are located in a neighborhood where at least 51% of the residents are at or below 120% Area Median Income (AMI). Organizations will provide the boundary they plan to serve, and MSHDA will confirm this requirement is met. Households that receive NEP grants from nonprofits must be at or below 120% AMI. The homeowner also must agree to a free energy audit to receive grant funding. Nonprofits must close their current NEP grant in order to apply for another NEP grant.

INCOME GUIDELINES
Fifty-one percent of residents located in the area served for the project using NEP funds must be at or below 120% AMI. Households who receive NEP funding from the non-profit must also be at or below 120% AMI.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
State of Michigan

TYPES OF REPAIRS
Nonprofits and local units of governments have some flexibility in designing their home repair or public amenity enhancement program using NEP funds, but NEP requires repairs to be permanent and visible from the street; interior repairs can be considered if exterior repairs also are completed. With the goal of reaching more homes, NEP funds do not have to be used to bring the entire house up to code. Some of the Non-profits within the City of Detroit that have received NEP funds in the past include: GenesisHOPE, Jefferson East, Inc., LifeBUILDERS, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Wayne County Land Bank, Woodbridge Neighborhood Development, Bridging Communities, Inc., Focus: HOPE, Global Detroit, and Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC).

HOW TO APPLY
Individuals cannot apply directly to MSHDA for funding. Nonprofit Agencies and qualified Local Units of Government interested in applying should submit an application to MSHDA's website at www.michigan.gov/mshda by the due date that will be posted on MSHDA's website in early fall. Look for the Neighborhoods tab, and then go to the Neighborhood Enhancement section to apply. Organizations that make it to the next round in the application process will be asked to submit a full proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Jodi Mackie, NEP Team Manager, Mackiej@michigan.gov
Website: https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,4641,7-141-5564_84719---,00.html
THE PROGRAM
Neighborhood Impact Program (NIP), of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLBI), provides grants up to $7,500 to assist homeowners in making repairs to their homes, including deferred maintenance. FHLBI provides limited program funding to member financial institutions throughout Michigan and Indiana. Members might partner with a community-based organization to administer the funds. In Detroit, Chemical Bank partners with U-SNAP-BAC, Community Housing Network, and New Hope. Flagstar, Level One, and First Independence Bank also are partner banks in Detroit. In any five-year period, recipients cannot receive more than one FHLBI grant of any kind for the same property, unless prior grants have been repaid or the retention period has expired.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Homeowners must own and occupy a single-family home, condominium, or modular unit (plus duplexes, with certain restrictions) for at least six months prior to enrollment and be current on mortgage payments. Documentation for all sources of income (Social Security, pension, interest/dividends, earned income for jobs, Supplemental Security Income) from all members of the household must be provided.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
Communities where FHLBank Indianapolis members have a presence, including the entire City of Detroit, are eligible.
INCOME GUIDELINES
Incomes at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) based on household size, as determined by HUD each year, are eligible.

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TYPES OF REPAIRS
Eligible projects include:

- Repair or replacement of existing windows, soffit and fascia, siding, roof, gutters, downspouts, caulking, exterior doors, weather stripping, attic and wall insulation, heating/furnace, ventilation and air conditioning, well/septic/sewer, water heater, electrical;
- Energy conservation improvements;
- Electrical work such as the replacement of knob-and-tube wiring that prevents a home from meeting current code requirements for its area.

The following types of projects are not eligible improvements, but the list is not all-inclusive and member banks use prudent decision-making when approving requested improvements:

- Additions or alterations for commercial use;
- Porches or detached garages;
- Finishing attics or basements;
- Furniture and appliances;
- Landscaping or tree work;
- Fences;
- Room additions;
- Driveways and sidewalks;
- Awnings and shutters.

HOW TO APPLY
Call a partnering nonprofit organization (U-SNAP-BAC) before April 1 to ask about when the NIP application will be released and if any requirements have changed for the year. Applications are typically released in April. It is helpful to assist homeowners prior to April to understand eligibility and requirements so they can better navigate the application and bid process once the application is released.
U-SNAP-BAC reviews and submits complete NIP applications on behalf of the homeowner. Homeowners are responsible for obtaining two bids from different general contractors outlining the same exact scope of work (work to be completed on the home) and the total amount for each bid must be under $7,500.

Applications received without documentation or with only partial documentation will not be processed until all documents are received. Funds are disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding is limited depending on the number of participating banks and may vary from year to year, but funding typically is available for approximately 60 Detroiters each year.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**
U-SNAP-BAC is the main nonprofit administering the program in Detroit, but Community Housing Network in Troy and New Hope also administer the program.

U-SNAP-BAC  
14901 E. Warren Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48224  
313-640-1100  
Website:  
THE PROGRAM
Accessibility Modification Program (AMP) of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLBI) provides grants up to $12,000 for accessibility modifications for eligible senior homeowners and owner-occupied households with a person or people who have a permanent disability. Up to 50% of funds requested or a maximum of $4,000 may be used for deferred maintenance items such as roofing, siding, or windows. In any five-year period, recipients cannot receive more than one FHLBI grant of any kind for the same property, unless prior grants have been repaid or the retention period has expired.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
All household members must be age 62 and older; age 62 and older and age 17 or younger, where the older household member is the guardian of the younger household members; or any age with a permanent disability and currently receiving permanent disability benefits (SSDI or SSI, and documentation should support payment of benefits for at least 60 days). Homeowners must own and occupy a single-family home, condominium, or modular unit (plus duplexes, with certain restrictions) for at least six months prior to enrollment and be current on mortgage payments.
AREA OF AVAILABILITY
Throughout Michigan and Indiana where member FHLBI banks are located, including the entire city of Detroit.

INCOME GUIDELINES
Incomes at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) based on household size, as determined by HUD each year, are eligible.

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TYPES OF REPAIRS
Eligible repairs must address accessibility needs of the home to assist with aging in place and independent living. In the past, AMP awards have been used to pay for modifications such as ramps, grab bars, roll-in showers, widened doorways, and much more. When possible, modifications should comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Universal Design specifications. Any exceptions to the following list of eligible modifications and/or repairs must be pre-approved by the bank. Work performed or completed prior to enrollment may not be paid for with AMP funds. The homeowner may not complete any of the approved rehabilitation funded by AMP.

Eligible accessibility modifications (some exclusions may apply):
- Ramps/zero-step entries
- Handrails
- Levered door handles
- Self-closing hinges on internal and/or external doors
- Pocket doors or swing hinges
- Bathroom modifications, such as:
  - Walk-in/roll-in showers
  - Grab bars
  - Easy entry bath
  - ADA-approved toilets/drop-down grab bar
  - Roll-under vanity
  - Lower level half-bath conversions to eliminate the need to use stairs
- Kitchen modifications, such as:
  - Lower existing cabinets or replace with ADA-approved cabinets
  - Lowered and/or roll-under ADA-approved counters
- Internal chair and wheelchair lifts
- Home modification assessment expenses up to $250, when performed by a certified professional
- Widened doorways
- Installation of smoke detectors or carbon monoxide detectors
● Plumbing and electrical modifications to relocate laundry facilities to the main level of the home*
● Universal Design floor coverings
* Additional documentation may be required.

Other eligible projects (up to 50% of the AMP funds requested or a maximum of $4,000 may be used for these deferred maintenance items):
● Repair/replace existing heating, ventilation, air conditioning
● Repair/replace existing well/septic system or underground property sewer system*
● Repair/replace existing water heater
● Energy conservation improvements, such as repair/replace existing windows, soffit and fascia, siding, roof, gutters, downspouts, caulking, exterior doors, weather stripping, attic and wall insulation, or electrical work including the replacement of knob-and-tube wiring that prevents a home from meeting current code requirements for its area.
* Additional documentation may be required.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Call a partnering nonprofit organization (see below) before April 1 to ask about when the AMP application will be released and if any requirements have been changed for the year. Applications are typically released in April, either by partnering banks or the nonprofits listed below. The AMP application also is available online. It is helpful to assist homeowners prior to April to understand eligibility and requirements so they can better navigate the application and bid process once the application is released.

FHLBI bank members may work with eligible homeowners directly or through one or more community housing organizations. Homeowners are responsible for obtaining two bids from different general contractors outlining the same exact scope of work (work to be completed on the home), and the total amount for each bid must be under $12,000. Applications received without documentation or with partial documentation will not be processed until all documents are received. Funds are disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding is limited and may vary, depending on the number of participating banks, but annual funding typically is available for approximately 30 Detroiters.
CONTACT INFORMATION
Jewish Family Services and Metro In-Home Solutions (in partnership with Chemical Bank) and sometimes U-SNAP-BAC facilitate this program.

Jewish Family Services
6555 W. Maple Rd.
West Bloomfield Township, MI 48322
248-592-2300
Website: https://www.fhlbi.com/products-services/community-investment-and-housing/homeownership-initiatives/accessibility-modification-program-(amp)

Chemical Bank
Fort Washington Plaza, 333 M-85 #100
Detroit, MI 48226
313-967-9700

U-SNAP-BAC
14901 E. Warren Ave.
Detroit, MI 48224
313-640-1100
THE PROGRAM
The Detroit Area on Aging offers home repair services through the state Medicaid MI Choice waiver program or Integrated Care Organization's MI Health Link program. MI Choice waiver services include home repair as well as caregiving services, nutrition, chore services, and non-emergency medical transportation. Home repair services are reimbursed through Medicaid, allowing seniors and adults with disabilities to remain independent in their home by modifying their residence to remove barriers, increase mobility, and provide greater freedom in the home environment. The participant must make a reasonable effort to access all available funding sources, such as housing commission grants, Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and community development block grants. The participant must include evidence of efforts to apply for alternative funding sources and the acceptances or denials of these funding sources. The MI Choice waiver is a funding source of last resort. For MI Health Link, the options are similar, but the assistance has to be authorized by the ICO.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Must be Medicaid eligible and enrolled in MI Choice Waiver program or MI Health Link program to receive modification services from Detroit Area on Aging.

INCOME GUIDELINES
Must meet Medicaid eligibility requirements

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
Detroit, Highland Park, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, and the five Grosse Pointes
TYPES OF REPAIRS
Home repair services, which may involve structural changes, offer permanent modification and/or renovation to extend the life of the home and/or prevent or remedy a substandard condition or safety hazard. Home repair does not involve making aesthetic improvements to a home, temporary repairs, chores, or home maintenance that must be repeated.

Adaptations may include:
- Ramps and grab bars;
- Widening doorways;
- Modified bathroom facilities;
- Modified kitchen facilities;
- Specialized electric and plumbing systems needed to accommodate the medical equipment and supplies necessary for the welfare of the participant;
- Environmental control devices that replace the need for paid staff and increase the participant’s ability to live independently, such as automatic door openers.

The adaptation should be the most cost-effective and reasonable alternative to meet the participant’s needs. An example of a reasonable alternative, based on the results of a review of all options, may include changing the purpose, use, or function of a room within the home or finding alternative housing.

HOW TO APPLY
If you are not enrolled in the waiver programs, you can contact AAA’s information and assistance line and explain that you are looking for help with home repair. The information and assistance line will provide alternative options to the waiver program. The work must fall under approved service definition and funds must be still available to assist in subsidizing the applicant’s cost. There is currently a waitlist for the MI Choice Waiver program.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Detroit Area on Aging
1333 Brewery Park Blvd., suite 200
Detroit, MI 48207
313-446-4444
Website: https://www.detroitseniorsolution.org/
THE PROGRAM
The citywide Lead Hazard Control Program is designed to remediate lead-based paint hazards and conditions that contribute to these hazards in single-family, owner occupied properties where children under the age of 6 reside. The focus is on places where children with elevated blood lead levels (BLL) reside. The program provides financial assistance for the reduction of lead based paint and other hazards in residential dwelling units located in the City of Detroit. The maximum funding amount per property where lead hazards exists is $19,000. The funding is provided as a forgivable loan for a term of three years on owner-occupied units and five years on rental properties. A lien will be placed on the property. The program is funded with HUD Community Development Block Grant funds and Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, and therefore, must adhere to all program guidelines and regulations.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Eligible households include a child under the age of 6; households where a child under 6 visits regularly, at least six hours per week on a consistent basis; and households where a pregnant woman resides. Homeowners must show proof of ownership and occupancy for at least six months prior to application submission. Applicants who have received previous home repair grants from the city or active employees of the city are not eligible. Eligibility is based on the condition of the home and estimated cost of addressing lead hazards. Applications will be prioritized based on factors such as the presence of a child under the age of 6 with an elevated blood lead level, pregnant woman, being located in a target ZIP code, or being a Detroit Housing Commission voucher holder.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
City of Detroit
INCOME GUIDELINES
Eligible applicants must have gross annual household incomes (from all sources) less than 80% of the Area Median Income, as determined by HUD each year.

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TYPES OF REPAIRS
Abatement of lead-based paint hazards and other emergency repairs as funding allows.

HOW TO APPLY
Interested, eligible homeowners can call the city’s Housing and Revitalization Department to be added to the contact list. To apply to the program, an application must be completed and the following documentation is required from applicants:

- Photo identification for each member of the household age 18 and older: copy of a current driver’s license, state ID card, or City of Detroit ID card;
- Proof of ownership for at least six months at the time of application: recorded warranty deed, quit claim deed or land contract (warranty deeds must accompany all quit claim deeds);
- Death and marriage certificates must be provided, if applicable, to show ownership; and probate documents or divorce decree must be provided, if applicable;
- Copy of current, paid property tax bill (city or county) or approved payment plan with the Treasurer’s Office with evidence of at least three consecutive payments in accordance with the agreed-upon terms of the plan;
- Current mortgage statement, if applicable;
- Copy of current fire or hazard home insurance (must be at least equal to the grant amount);
- Birth certificates or guardianship papers for each dependent residing in the house: religious, hospital, or physician’s certificate showing date of birth, adoption record, previously verified school records, or an affidavit from a parent (last option);
- Blood lead level test results for all children under the age of 6 (results must be dated within four months of application submission);
- Proof of income: submit for each member of the household 18 years and older copies of the two most recent paycheck stubs, two years of federal tax returns, two years of W-2s, and two months of bank statements. Other items such as Social Security award letters, pension statements, MDHHS award letters, etc. OR an affidavit of non-employment signed, dated, and notarized for each non-working householder over 18 should be included; and
- Self-employed applicants must submit two years of tax returns with Schedule C showing amount earned; two months of bank statements, and a notarized profit and loss statement.

CONTACT INFORMATION
City of Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department
313-224-6380
THE PROGRAM
The City of Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department is providing home repair assistance grants to eligible homeowners for emergency health and safety code and/or blight violations. One-time grants of up to $15,000 per household are available for qualified seniors who are age 62 and older or who are 55 and older with a disability. There is currently a waitlist for this grant program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Applicant must be 62 years of age or older or 55 years of age or older with a physical disability; must have a low to moderate income; must own and occupy their home; and must not have received a prior City of Detroit home repair grant. Property must be located within Detroit and be a single-family home (there is case-by-case review and approval of two-family units). Property taxes must be current or in a payment plan with the City of Detroit, and the applicant must have proof of homeownership and current homeowner’s insurance. Applicant must own the home for at least six months prior to applying to the program.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
City of Detroit
INCOME GUIDELINES
Eligible applicants must have gross annual household incomes (from all sources) less than 80% of the Area Median Income as determined by HUD each year.

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TYPES OF REPAIRS
Examples of items typically considered emergency repairs include:

- No water: damaged and/or severely leaking water pipes or non-functioning plumbing (i.e. faulty toilet);
- Standing raw sewage or standing water inside the house;
- Electrical hazards such as loose and live wiring, breakers not holding amp service, no electric power to the house, shocks from switches and/or plugs, undersized service panel, or loss of power to essential major appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, or essential medical equipment;
- No heating source in the unit or if the furnace has been determined to be hazardous by DTE Energy;
- Severely leaking roof, subject to collapse of ceilings;
- Floor area weakened by water damage or broken floor joist, subject to collapse;
- Leaking or inoperable water heater;
- Broken windows and doors that cause significant exposure to outdoor elements;
- Urgent accessibility modifications (i.e. wheelchair ramps, doorway widening, grab bars, etc.);
- Rotted porches, steps, wing-walls, or decks that prohibit entry to the home.

Emergency repair activities for accessibility modifications will require a letter from a physician, hospital, rehabilitation center, or other medical organizations as approved by HRD.

Ineligible repairs include replacing carpeting, kitchen cabinets, all household appliances, plaster, drywall, and any item related to lead based paint that would require a risk assessment.
HOW TO APPLY
There is currently a waitlist for this program. Interested, eligible homeowners can call the Housing and Revitalization Department to be added to the waitlist. To apply to the program, an application must be completed and the following documentation is required by applicants:

- Photo identification for each member of the household age 18 and older: copy of a current driver’s license, state ID card, or City of Detroit ID card;
- Proof of ownership for at least six months at the time of application: recorded warranty deed, quit claim deed or land contract (warranty deeds must accompany all recorded quit claim deeds);
- Death and marriage certificates must be provided, if applicable, to show ownership; and probate documents or divorce decree must be provided, if applicable;
- Copy of current, paid property tax bill (city or county) or approved payment plan with the Treasurer’s Office with evidence of at least three consecutive payments in accordance with the agreed-upon terms of the plan;
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- Copy of current fire or hazard home insurance (must be at least equal to the grant amount);
- Birth certificates or guardianship papers for each dependent residing in the house: religious, hospital, or physician’s certificate showing date of birth, adoption record, previously verified school records, or an affidavit from a parent (last option);
- Blood lead level test results for all children under the age of 6 (results must be dated within four months of application submission);
- Proof of income: submit for each member of the household 18 years.

CONTACT INFORMATION
City of Detroit Housing and Revitalization Department
313-224-6380
THE PROGRAM
The VA’s Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grant helps service members & Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities live independently in a barrier-free environment and can be used in a variety of ways:

- To construct a specially adapted home on land to be acquired;
- To build a home on land already owned, if it is suitable for specially adapted housing;
- To remodel an existing home if it can be made suitable for specially adapted housing; or
- To pay against the unpaid mortgage principal balance of an adapted home already acquired without the assistance of a VA grant.

The SAH benefits are set by law, but it may be adjusted upward annually based on a cost-of-construction index. The maximum dollar amount allowable for SAH grants in fiscal year 2022 is $101,754. A temporary grant may be available to SAH-eligible Veterans and service members who are or will be temporarily residing in a home owned by a family member. The maximum amount available to adapt a family member's home with the SAH grant is $40,983. No individual may use the grant benefit more than six times, up to the maximum dollar amount allowable.

INCOME GUIDELINES
There are no income guidelines listed on the website.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
National

TYPES OF REPAIRS
Repairs related to making a home suitable for specially adapted housing.
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
If you are a service member or Veteran with the following types of permanent and total service-connected disabilities, you may be entitled to a SAH grant:

- Loss of or loss of use of both legs,
- Loss of or loss of use of both arms,
- Blindness in both eyes having only light perception, plus loss of or loss of use of one leg,
- Loss of or loss of use of one leg together with the loss of or loss of use of one arm,
- Certain severe burns, or
- Loss of or loss of use of one or more lower extremities due to service on or after Sept. 11, 2011, which so affects the functions of balance or propulsion as to prevent moving about without the aid of braces, crutches, canes, or a wheelchair.

The home must be owned by an eligible individual. A maximum of six grants, up to a maximum dollar amount, is allowed per individual.

HOW TO APPLY
To apply for a grant, fill out and submit VA Form 26-4555 Application in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing Grant. You can access this form by applying via www.ebenefits.va.gov, by downloading the form and mailing it to the nearest Regional Loan Center, by calling VA toll free at 1-800-827-1000 to have a claim form mailed to you, or by visiting the nearest VA regional office.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Detroit Regional Benefit Office
Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 12th floor
477 Michigan Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226
1-800-827-1000
Website: https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp

Contact a Specially Adapted Housing staff member via email at sahinfo.vbaco@va.gov or by phone at 877-827-3702.
THE PROGRAM
The VA’s Special Housing Adaptation (SHA) Grant helps veterans with certain service-connected disabilities adapt or purchase a home to accommodate the disability, and it can be used in a variety of ways:

- To adapt an existing home the veteran or a family member already owns in which the veteran lives;
- To adapt a home the veteran or a family member intends to purchase in which the veteran will live; or
- To help a veteran purchase a home already adapted in which the veteran will live.

The SHA benefits are set by law, but it may be adjusted upward annually based on a cost-of-construction index. The maximum dollar amount allowable for SHA grants helps service members & Veterans adapt their home with a grant of up to $20,387. A temporary grant may be available to SHA-eligible Veterans and service members who are or will be temporarily residing in a home owned by a family member. The maximum amount available to adapt a family member’s home with the SHA grant is $7,318. No individual may use the grant benefit more than six times, up to the maximum dollar amount allowable.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
If you are a service member or Veteran with the following types of permanent and total service-connected disabilities you may be entitled to the SHA grant:

- The loss or loss of use of both hands
- Certain severe burns
- Certain respiratory or breathing injuries

The home must be owned by an eligible individual. A maximum of six grants, up to a maximum dollar amount, is allowed per individual.
INCOME GUIDELINES
There are no income guidelines listed on the website.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
National

TYPES OF REPAIRS
Repairs related to accommodating the disability of a veteran

HOW TO APPLY
To apply for a grant, fill out and submit VA Form 26-4555 Application in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing Grant. You can access this form by applying via www.ebenefits.va.gov, by downloading the form and mailing it to the nearest Regional Loan Center, by calling VA toll free at 1-800-827-1000 to have a claim form mailed to you, or by visiting the nearest VA regional office.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Detroit Regional Benefit Office
Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 12th floor
477 Michigan Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226
1-800-827-1000
Link to website: https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/adaptedhousing.asp

Contact a Specially Adapted Housing staff member via email at sahinfo.vbaco@va.gov or by phone at 877-827-3702.
UNITED COMMUNITY HOUSING COALITION (UCHC) HOME REPAIR PROGRAM FOR MAKE IT HOME (MIH) PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

THE PROGRAM
United Community Housing Coalition (UCHC) currently only offers home repair funding to homeowners who bought their home in the Make It Home (MIH) Program. The repair program offers major home repairs that directly impact the residents’ safety and habitability using grants and grantable items, such as furnaces, central air units, hot water tanks, refrigerators, and more. If grant items are exhausted or fully allocated to other clients, homeowners who need repairs also have the option to do a 12-month 0% interest home repair loan with UCHC. Homeowners contribute $500 for repairs, and UCHC will match 50% of the repairs cost, up to $5,000.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Eligible applicants must have bought a home in the MIH Program and have the house paid off in full or be current on your monthly payments to UCHC to qualify. The repair program is also open to current UCHC clients who are enrolled in Pay As You Stay (PAYS) to pay off their back taxes.
INCOME GUIDELINES

Income must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

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AREA OF AVAILABILITY

Detroit

TYPES OF REPAIRS

Major repairs related to safety and habitability of residents, including but not limited to roof repairs, main drain repair, asbestos abatement, and HVAC system replacements.

HOW TO APPLY

The application is limited to current UCHC clients who are part of the MIH Program or the PAYS Program, and all repair referrals are internal. If you need assistance with paying your property taxes, or are at risk of foreclosure, call the UCHC tax foreclosure prevention hotline at (313) 405-7726.

CONTACT INFORMATION

United Community Housing Coalition
2727 Second Ave. #313
Detroit, MI 48201
UCHC Main Line 313-963-3310
Website: https://www.uchcdetroit.org/
WEATHERIZATION & ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

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Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP)

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THE PROGRAM
Wayne Metro delivers the federally-funded Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) in Wayne County. The program provides cost-effective energy improvements to reduce energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety. The goal of the program is to improve the energy efficiency of low-income homes. Grants are provided up to $7,000 per home.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Weatherization is most effective when it is the final measure for home improvement. A home must have major home repairs completed (i.e. roof replacement, plumbing/water leaks fixed, no structural issues) to be a good candidate for the program. Proof of income is required.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
Wayne County
INCOME GUIDELINES
Household income must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

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TYPES OF REPAIRS
Repairs like attic insulation, wall insulation, and furnace replacement are eligible. The program will not fund roof or window replacement.

HOW TO APPLY
Call Wayne Metro or visit waynemetro.org to complete a Universal Application. Wayne Metro will conduct an in-person home assessment after the Universal Application is completed. The home assessment will collect information on whether the home is currently a good candidate for Weatherization. Any issues (e.g. needed roof repairs, asbestos, excessive mold, knob and tube wiring, or structural issues) found during the assessment will need to be addressed before the resident can move forward with the program.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Wayne Metro Community Action
7310 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202
313-388-9799
Website: https://www.waynemetro.org/
THE PROGRAM
Wayne Metro will deliver the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) through its Empowerment Pathway Model, a custom-designed service plan to help residential customers in Great Lakes Water Authority regions access bill assistance, adopt water conservation measures, and navigate resources and wraparound supports on the path to self-sufficiency. The program provides utility assistance up to $1,500 per household per year, including a $25 monthly bill credit ($300 annually) and up to $1200 to assist with arrears.

CONSERVATION SERVICES & MINOR PLUMBING REPAIR
Residents that enroll in WRAP that have a high water bill or a qualifying plumbing issue can receive up to $2,000 in assistance for water conservation and minor plumbing repairs, including a home water audit, an in-home water saving workshop, fixture upgrades, and minor plumbing repairs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Household income must be at or below 200% of the poverty threshold. Applicants should provide a copy of the current water bill, proof of income for the last 30 days, and stay current on monthly bill payment. City of Detroit residents who are not eligible for WRAP assistance can enroll in the DSWD 10/30/50 Payment Plan. The plan allows for customers to pay down arrears by spreading the delinquent total across future payments. Visit www.detroitmi.gov/dwsd for more information.
INCOME GUIDELINES
Household income must be 200% of poverty.

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AREA OF AVAILABILITY
Great Lakes Water Authority communities have the opportunity to opt in to WRAP. See service areas [here](#).

TYPES OF REPAIRS
Eligible plumbing repairs will help lower the water bill and attempt to ensure the home has hot and cold water and will address issues that would prevent residents from the safe and full use of: at least one toilet in the home; at least one shower or bath; at least one bath faucet; one kitchen faucet. Repairs subject to maximum budget per home, major sewage issues are not covered by the program.

HOW TO APPLY
Call Wayne Metro to schedule a WRAP appointment or visit waynemetro.org to complete a Universal Application.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Wayne Metro Community Action
7310 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202
313-388-9799
Website: [https://wrap.waynemetro.org/](https://wrap.waynemetro.org/)
DTE ENERGY’S ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASSISTANCE (EEA) PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM
DTE Energy’s Energy Efficiency Assistance Program teams up with local nonprofit organizations and community action agencies to provide free energy-saving home improvements to eligible customers.

Participants in the program may be eligible to receive multiple energy efficient products to help reduce their monthly energy bill and make their home more comfortable, all at no cost. Here are steps to follow:

- Confirm household income eligibility using the table on the following page.
- Contact a participating organization, based on location, with this handy list of organizations.
- A home energy visit will be scheduled to identify the types of services and products the home needs for better energy efficiency.
- Based on the home energy visit, a licensed contractor will be scheduled to install the energy efficient products.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must be DTE customers, and income restrictions apply. You also must have been previously deemed eligible for any of the following programs:

- Michigan Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Michigan Food Assistance Program
- Supplemental Security Income Program
- State Emergency Relief Fund
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- The Heat and Warmth Fund
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
**INCOME GUIDELINES**
Income must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. If you have more than eight people in your family, add $9,440 for each additional person.

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**AREA OF AVAILABILITY**
DTE Service Area (see area here)

**HOW TO APPLY**
To enroll, contact one of the following participating nonprofit agencies or visit their website for more information: ClearCorps, Wayne Metro, EcoWorks, Matrix Human Services, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, Global Detroit, Habitat for Humanity of Detroit, and THAW.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**
866-796-0512
energy_saving@dteenergy.com
Website:
https://newlook.dteenergy.com/wps/wcm/connect/dte-web/home/save-energy/residential/incentives+and+programs/limited+income
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BRIDGING COMMUNITIES CONNECTING DETROIT SENIORS AND LOW TO MODERATE INCOME HOMEOWNERS TO HOME REPAIR RESOURCES AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

THE PROGRAM
Bridging Communities works to connect our clients to home repair grants, loan programs, and resources to improve and stabilize their homes when they are available. Our volunteers and community partners are asked to assist with minor home repairs for our clients.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
While we prioritize serving seniors in our service area over the age of 60 years first, we welcome any Detroit homeowners to become housing clients with us for counseling and connections to resources, including first-time home buyers through our homeownership workshops.

INCOME GUIDELINES
Bridging Communities services any income level, but service depends on the client’s need. Most programs Bridging Communities connects clients to have income guidelines and/or follow federal poverty guidelines.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
Priority will be given to individuals living in Bridging Communities’ service area, which includes: 48204, 48206, 48208, 48209, 48210, 48216, 48217, and 48238.

TYPES OF REPAIRS
Roof repairs, gutters, doors, electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling systems, energy efficient appliances, and window replacement.
HOW TO APPLY
Clients can call the office to request assistance with their home repair needs, which will prompt a home assessment and determination if the organization can assist. Bridging Communities may ask clients about general demographics, income, insurance type, and ZIP code.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Bridging Communities
6900 McGraw Ave.
Detroit, MI 48102
313-361-6377
Website: https://bridgingcommunities.org/

Bridging Communities is a partner with the Detroit Housing Network, an intake center for the City’s 0% Interest Home Repair Loan, assists clients with Property Tax Exemption (HOPE), and is a Certified HUD Housing Counseling Agency.
THE PROGRAM
Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan (RTSEM) is currently partnering with Jefferson East Inc., the Southeast Waterfront Neighborhood Association, Jefferson-Chalmers Citizens’ District Council, HOPE Community Outreach and Development, and Creekside Community Development Corporation to create a sustainable program for Detroit’s Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood. The program conducts home inspections, reviewing a checklist of 25 common items related to home health and safety. The needs of the homeowner and the highest priorities for their home are considered during the inspection process. Repair services provided vary depending on volunteer availability and funding.

Although RTSEM—which is based in Oakland County—currently serves only one Detroit neighborhood, it plans to expand to four more neighborhoods in Detroit and Macomb County by 2022. Interested partners should contact RSTEM’s office.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Interested homeowners need to complete a five-page application, which is available online or at Jefferson East Inc. Homeowners must be up to date on their mortgage payments and property taxes or be in a property tax repayment plan. Homeowner’s insurance is required, but if a repair is required to qualify for homeowner’s insurance, RTSEM may work with you to complete the repair. Priority is given to seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and families with children.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
Jefferson-Chalmers only
INCOME GUIDELINES
80% or below Area Median Income, as determined by HUD

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TYPES OF REPAIRS
Projects range from small to large, depending on available funding and the needs of the homeowner. Examples include accessibility modifications like grab bars and lever door knobs, replacing carpet with hard surface flooring, general lighting replacement, electrical upgrades, small plumbing work, replacing toilets and faucets, and beautification. Big-ticket items when funding is available include roof repair, front porch/step repairs, and hot water tank replacements.

HOW TO APPLY
Interested homeowners can obtain an application online, at Jefferson East Inc., or by calling to request an application via mail. Completed applications should be returned to Jefferson East Inc. or mailed back to the Farmington Hills office.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Rebuilding Together
27849 Independence Street
Building 2
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
248-482-8061
Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Website: https://www.rebuildingtogethersem.org/about-us/

Jefferson East Inc. Satellite Office
1018 Chalmers
Detroit, MI 48125
Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays only

Jefferson East Main Office
313-331-7939
THE PROGRAM
Rippling Hope is a Detroit-based ministry offering year-round service opportunities with a focus on home maintenance and repair. Weeklong, weekend, and one-day opportunities are available for volunteers to work on projects for individuals, faith-based communities, and other organizations. Rippling Hope believes in the power of the community and only works with block clubs or neighboring organizations in their targeted area. They currently have 67 partners. Rippling Hope conducts a home inspection and provides volunteers to complete repairs, but recipients must purchase the materials needed for their requested repairs; financial circumstances will be considered if financial assistance is available.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible, the house must be occupied by the owner, who must be a member of a block club or neighborhood association that partners with Rippling Hope. See the “area of availability” section below for more details. Participants in the program must purchase their own materials for the requested work.

INCOME GUIDELINES
None

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
Rippling Hope serves a specific target area in Detroit bordered by Telegraph Road on the west, Livernois Avenue on the east, 8 Mile on the north, and Tireman Avenue on the south.
TYPES OF REPAIRS
The homeowner’s top three priorities are taken into consideration. Eligible exterior projects include: scrape and paint garage, scrape and paint front porch, scrape and paint front porch railings, repair wooden porch or porch steps, scrape and paint doors, minor fence repair (wooden or chain link fences), build handicap ramp (homeowner required to obtain a building permit), downspout disconnects, annual clean-up, clean first-level gutters cleaned, minor landscaping, install storm/security doors, install door locks/knobs, and caulk and weatherize windows and doors.

Eligible interior projects include: paint one room only, replace kitchen faucet, replace bathroom sink faucet, replace toilet, install door locks/knobs, caulk and weatherize windows and doors, and install smoke detectors.

HOW TO APPLY
A sample application is available online, but you cannot obtain or submit an application online. Every year around February, there is a meeting where Rippling Hope distributes a specific number of applications to each of their block club or neighborhood partners. Each application has a unique code. The partnering organization then distributes a limited number of applications. Connect with your local block club or neighborhood organization if you live within the served boundaries if you are interested in the program.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Rippling Hope
P.O. Box 27499
Detroit, MI 48227
512-619-0575 or 313-704-1230
carl@ripplinghope.org
Website: http://www.ripplinghope.org/
CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY ACTION ALLIANCE
FRONT PORCH REPAIR PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM
Cody Rogue's Front Porch Repair Program provides porch repairs including steps and adding guardrails, at no cost to the homeowner, when and as funding permits. Currently, Cody Rouge is not offering this program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Recipients must live in a specific area within the 48228 ZIP code.

INCOME GUIDELINES
There are no income guidelines at this time.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
Specific area within 48228 ZIP code

TYPES OF REPAIRS
General repair to porches for safety and accessibility

HOW TO APPLY
Cody Rouge is currently not offering porch repairs.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance
19321 West Chicago Rd., suite 105
Detroit, MI 48228
313-397-9280
Website: https://www.codyrouge.org/
CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN MINOR HOME REPAIRS

THE PROGRAM
Central Detroit Christian (CDC) regularly partners with nonprofits to provide minor home repairs and cleaning services, as funding allows.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Recipients must live within the 48202 ZIP code.

INCOME GUIDELINES
None

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
48202, 48206 and 48211 ZIP code

TYPES OF REPAIRS
Minor home repairs or cleaning

HOW TO APPLY
CDC is not currently accepting applications at this time.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Central Detroit Christian
1550 Taylor St.
Detroit, MI 48206
313-873-0064
Website: https://www.centraldetroitchristian.org/
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY’S CRITICAL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM
Habitat for Humanity’s Critical Home Repair Program provides urgent and major home repairs for homeowners who do not have the ability to make the improvements themselves due to age, disability or other circumstances.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible for any of Habitat’s programs, homeowners must own and occupy the home, property taxes must be current or on a payment plan, and the owner must have homeowners insurance. Required documents include the owner’s most recent property tax bill, proof of homeowner’s insurance, and an income and asset verification package including the previous year’s tax return.

INCOME GUIDELINES
Household income must be less than 80% AMI, adjusted for family size, as defined annually by HUD. Homeowners must be unable to participate in home repairs due to age, disability, or circumstance.
TYPES OF REPAIRS
The Critical Home Repair Program does not address emergency repairs that need immediate assistance, such as broken pipes that caused flooding. Eligible repairs include fixing broken windows, sidewalk repair, landscaping, roof repair, floor repair, plumbing, electrical, and other health and safety home repairs.

HOW TO APPLY
Habitat currently is not accepting applications at this time. Please visit their website for the application when it is available.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Habitat for Humanity Detroit
14325 Jane Ave
Detroit, MI 48205
313-521-6691
Website: https://www.habitatdetroit.org
THE PROGRAM
Brick + Beam Detroit grows capacity and community around building repair by supporting building rehabbers through hands-on workshops, Do-It-Yourself resources, online forums, and networking.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Most workshops require residency in Detroit, Hamtramck, or Highland Park.

INCOME GUIDELINES
No income guidelines at this time.

AREA OF AVAILABILITY
Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park

TYPES OF REPAIRS
Brick + Beam does not repair homes for residents, but the program offers hands-on workshops and resources online aimed at teaching homeowners the skills to complete repairs themselves. Topics range from the basics of homeownership (such as understanding the different systems in your home like plumbing and electrical, and skills relevant to all homes like landscaping) to historic home repairs (such as wood window repair, plaster, etc.)

HOW TO APPLY
All classes are listed on Brickandbeamdetroit.com, with link to apply. Many events require an RSVP and small donation of $5 to $15 to participate. Some limited space classes require an application providing more information.

CONTACT INFORMATION
info@brickandbeamdetroit.com
The following individuals volunteered to include their contact information to promote coordination among home repair services in Detroit:

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STEVE CHRISTENSEN
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AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)
The midpoint of a region's income distribution - half of families in a region earn more than the median and half earn less.

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (APR)
The annual rate charged for borrowing or earned through an investment.

COLLECTIONS
The potential result from a debt that has not been paid on time. Becoming significantly delinquent on a debt may be sold to a collection agency.

DEBT-TO-INCOME (DTI)
The percentage of a consumer’s monthly gross income that goes toward paying debts, which many include mortgage payments, taxes, homeowner’s insurance, past due debt plus the additional cost of the loan.

GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME
The total amount of income early annually from all sources before taxes.

LIEN
A right to keep possession of property belonging to another person until a debt owed by that person is discharged.

LOAN-TO-VALUE (LTV)
The ratio of a loan to the value of an asset purchased (mortgage/property price).

MONEY JUDGEMENTS
A court order that awards the plaintiff a sum of money which may be owed for a variety of reasons including unpaid rent, money borrowed and hospital bills.

TAX LIEN
A lien imposed by law upon a property to secure the payment of taxes.

UNDERWRITING
The process that a lender or other financial service uses to assess the creditworthiness or risk of a potential customer.
DETROIT HOME REPAIR
ECOSYSTEM MAP

Notes:
This graphic illustrating Poverty Solutions is not an attempt to map out the Detroit home repair ecosystem in 2016. We contacted over 50 organizations in Detroit to determine who has home repair programs. The home repair ecosystem is complex, and any additions or corrections to this graphic should be sent to povertysolutions.org. More information about approved repairs and eligibility requirements for programs will be included in the Detroit Home Repair Resource Guide which will be distributed to community-based organizations in August 2017. Funding and source data indicate that program funds may be used for any of these types of repairs. Please refer to the 2017 funders’ guide and other relevant documents for the most up-to-date information. In some cases, repair programs may be included in our upcoming Home Repair Ecosystem Analysis Reports to be released in Fall 2017. Southwest Lending Solutions confirmed that they do not have a new internal home repair loan program and Habitat for Humanity did not conduct any home repair programs in 2016.
If you would like to make an edit to your organization's information or be added to the guide, please contact kotzen@umich.edu.