



# **RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. When are the applications due?**

Applications and supporting documents are due June 1, 2024.

### **2. What is the timeline for this project?**

At least 30 business days are required for application review before award announcements. This means that awards will not be announced before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **3. What happens if I sell my house?**

If the improved property is sold, transferred or fore-closed or if a transfer of possession and/or occupancy of the property occurs within the first year after the date of completion of the work the Owner will have to immediately repay the City the full amount of the grant. After the first year, the repayment amount gradually decreases over the 10 year agreement until the lien is removed.

### **4. Do I have to pay the contractor upfront?**

No, the city handles the payment to contractors. This is not a reimbursement grant.

### **5. Can we use our own contractor or do the work ourselves?**

The city will provide a list of contractors and put the project out to bid.

### **6. How do we get the money?**

You don't. You will never have a check written in your name. The city pays contractors directly.

### **7. What if I do not meet the income requirements? Is there another way to get money for my home renovations?**

Yes, we have the Batavia Home Fund available to assist other homeowners. Check the website for more information at:

<https://www.batavianewyork.com/home/pages/batavia-home-fund> or contact Assistant City Manager, Erik Fix at [efix@batavianewyork.com](mailto:efix@batavianewyork.com)

**8. Do I have to live in the City of Batavia?**

Yes. Only city residents can apply and receive funds. This program is not for town residents.

**9. Is a trailer considered a single family home?**

Yes, if it is your primary residence, and you own the property.

**10. Do you put a Lien on the property?**

Yes. The grant is tied to your home for a set number of years. If you sell you will be required to pay back a percentage of the grant.

**11. Does it matter how quickly I get my application in?**

Preference will not be given to applications submitted early.