



# **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 1st.

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

If the improved property is sold, transferred, 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 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:

[www.batavianewyork.com/home/pages/batavia-home-fund](http://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.

**12. Can I apply if the house in question is occupied by a family member, but the deed is not in their name?**

Yes. You will need to report the income of the household but not every adult must be listed on the deed.

**13. We are not up to date on our property taxes, can we still apply?**

You need to be up to date on all your property taxes to be eligible.

**14. Our garage and fence are falling over do they qualify?**

Only existing housing structures are eligible. If a garage is attached to the home and repairs are essential to bring the home up to code, then it would qualify.

**15. I have a life interest in the property, can I still apply?**

Yes.

**16. What is the process with the contractors?**

For each approved project the city will coordinate the bid process. Contractors get 2-3 weeks to reply to bids. Once reviewed, the lowest bids go to the homeowner. The city must select the lowest bid. If the homeowner wants a different bid they have to pay the difference.

**17. Do I need to include my HEAP and SNAP?**

Yes. All sources of income need to be reported.