

# Housing Rehabilitation

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. What does Homeowner Rehabilitation include?

Homeowner rehabilitation can include; minor rehabilitation, moderate or substantial rehabilitation, reconstruction, historical preservation, lead-based paint abatement, code enforcement and home-based business rehabilitation.

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2. What does Rental Rehabilitation include?

This may include acquiring existing rental housing, historical preservation, and conversion of existing non-housing structures to new housing or mixed-income rental housing.

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3. Is Rental Rehabilitation a grant?

If the landlord is not LMI, they must contribute a minimum of 25 percent of the costs of the rental unit's rehabilitation. If the landlord is LMI, they must contribute a minimum of 15 percent of the rehabilitation cost.

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4. Are demolition of housing and permanent relocation activities eligible?

Yes.

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5. What are the maximum amounts allowed for a CDBG Housing project?

- The maximum housing grant award is \$400,000, including professional services. For a community to apply for the maximum, the applicant must include more activities than single-family rehabilitation and demolition. If these are the only activities then \$300,000 is the maximum.
- Safe Work Practices and Cleaning for Clearance – up to 10 percent of rehabilitation funds expended on unit.
- Risk Assessment – up to \$1,000 per unit.
- Clearance Testing – up to \$300 per unit.
- Temporary Relocation Allowance – up to \$5,000 per grant.
- Housing Inspection fees are a maximum of \$800 per unit.
- Demolition Inspection fees are a maximum of \$500 per unit.

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6. What is the best way to begin preparing for a CDBG application?

The Housing Assessment Tool (HAT) was designed to be completed locally while thinking regionally. Applicants are encouraged to think creatively and involve as many stakeholders as possible to ensure community-wide/region-wide support to the highest degree of accuracy and best analysis of the assessment. The HAT is a tool for applicants to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and priorities. By completing the HAT, applicants will become more aware and informed of their current housing inventory in order to develop relevant strategies for housing improvement that take into account the unique characteristics of the region or community.

We completed the HAT, now what? Communities should submit a Housing Interagency Advisory Committee (HIAC) profile and attend a HIAC meeting. Details can be found in the [HAT-HIAC brochure](#).

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7. Who should I contact for further information?

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