



CITY OF WINNIPEG AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE

MINIMUM HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 To provide financial assistance to owner-occupants to undertake minor critical repairs required for continued safe and healthy occupancy of homes.

2. DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 The Minimum Home Repair Program may provide financial assistance for repairing “minor” but important elements in a house and, which if not repaired, could force an owner-occupied dwelling to become vacant. This program helps to extend the life expectancy of the existing housing stock in designated neighbourhoods.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.1 Projects must be located within a designated Major Improvement Area or Rehabilitation Area.
- 3.2 Target neighbourhoods are Housing Improvement Zones. Resources under this program will be allocated by the recognized neighbourhood association. Financial assistance may be available either directly or through a recognized neighbourhood development corporation.
- 3.3 Only owner-occupied dwellings are eligible for financial assistance under this program.
- 3.4 Grants may be subject to income limitations.

4. ELIGIBLE ASSISTANCE

- 4.1 Assistance may be provided for the following minor emergency repairs:
 - Heating system (heat exchange)
 - Chimney (structural defects to masonry only, or carbon-monoxide)
 - Doors and windows (repair only where possible)
 - Foundation (minor repairs)
 - Re-roof, walls, water damaged floors and ceilings (repairs and partial repairs only, where possible – evidence of leaking required)
 - Plumbing (burst pipes, etc.)
 - Electrical system (unsafe as determined by an inspector)
 - Eavestroughs and fascia (building by-law requirements, repair only)
 - Sewer connection (Public Works referral only)
 - Lot grading and window wells (Public Works referral only)
 - Home repairs required, as a result of City enforcement actions, may also be funded.
- 4.2 There is no requirement that these repairs bring houses up to minimum property standards. This program is designated to address immediate, critical problems.
- 4.3 Financial assistance is for contracted labour and for the purchase & shipping of materials.
- 4.4 Grants will not exceed \$3,000 per house.

5. APPLICATION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Proponents are encouraged to discuss the project proposal at the earliest possible opportunity with the City representative at the Winnipeg Housing & Homelessness Initiative before an application is submitted.
- 5.2 All applications for financial and other assistance will be submitted to the City representative at the Winnipeg Housing & Homelessness Initiative for review. The Director of Planning, Property and Development will have authority to approve or reject proposals.
- 5.3 Specific arrangements for the payment of City funds will be determined on a project-by-project basis.