

### **About the program:**

The City of Leavenworth administers the Home Repair Program with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. CDBG funds are federal funds that the City receives as an entitlement city through the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The program is subject to federal guidelines and regulations.

The purpose of this program is to assist low and moderate income homeowners, within the corporate bounds of the City of Leavenworth, to make safety and/or sanitary repairs or replacement to their residences to assist in sustainability of safe and healthy homes. In some circumstances, code violation issues may be a candidate for this program.

- Qualified applicants in the low income tier can receive up to \$13,000 in repairs or replacement.
- Qualified applicants in the moderate income tier can receive up to \$10,000 in repairs or replacement.
- Amount awarded will be determined by the program administrator based on project evaluation, federal regulations, and program guidelines.

## Minimum qualifications for the program:

- 1. The home must be within the corporate bounds of the City of Leavenworth.
- 2. The applicant must meet the current HUD Income Limits guidelines set by HUD for low/moderate income. See page 3. All members of the home are included. Documentation must be able to be provided.
- 3. The applicant must be the current homeowner and occupant for a minimum of one year.
- 4. The property cannot be held in a trust. Property including a rental unit, or in which the owner rents space, is not eligible.
- 5. The home must be the only property owned by the applicant and co-applicant.
- 6. Prior award with the use of CDBG funds to the homeowner disqualifies the applicant from receiving further CDBG award for 10 years. However, if the prior award was under \$2,000, the applicant may apply. Further details of program guidelines will be reviewed with the applicant, if eligible.
- 7. The property cannot be in the 100 year flood plain and is subject to an environmental review.
- 8. Manufactured homes or trailers may be considered if it is skirted or attached to a permanent foundation. In all cases, repairs cannot be made that are valued more than the value of the home.
- 9. The applicant must agree to and sign a three year lien indicating the home will not be sold, refinanced, title changed, or rented out upon completion of repairs for the duration of the lien.

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# **Eligibility Self-Check:**

Before you complete the Home Repair Program application, **please read** the program information in its entirety and complete the following self-check to determine if you are eligible for this program.

| QUESTION   |       |      | ELIGIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS  |
|--|-------|------|---|
| Do you own and occupy a single-<br>family home within Leavenworth City<br>limits?                          | □ Yes | □ No | You are not eligible for this program if you do not own and occupy a single-family home, located within Leavenworth city limits, which you are applying for.  |
| Have you owned and occupied your home for at least one year?   | ☐ Yes | □ No | It is a City of Leavenworth CDBG Home Repair Program requirement that you own and occupy your home for at least one year.   |
| Is this single-family home your primary residence?   | ☐ Yes | □ No | If you own more than one property and the referenced single-family residential unit is not your primary residence, you are not eligible for this program. Title search is conducted as part of the application processing.  |
| If "Yes" above, will you remain the owner of this home for the next 3 years without title change?          | ☐ Yes | □ No | Repairs made to this home using CDBG funds will require a 3-year lien placed on the property. If there is a possibility of selling, refinancing, or renting within the next 3 years, you are advised not to apply for the program.  |
| Do you or any of your household members also own or co-own other real estate anywhere in the U.S.?         | ☐ Yes | □ No | If you or any members of your household own/co-own other real estate, regardless of its location, you <b>must</b> report it as part of your household assets.   |
| Are you an owner or a co-owner of a business (including an online business) or any household member?       | ☐ Yes | □ No | Ownership/co-ownership of a business means that business income must be included in the household income for eligibility determination regardless of who the household member is.   |
| Have you previously received a CDBG award within the last 10 years?  | ☐ Yes | □ No | If you received a previous award in the last 10 years that was more than \$2,000 then you are not eligible for the program.   |
| Are any of the needed repairs covered under your current homeowner insurance?                              | ☐ Yes | □ No | If you don't know, contact your insurance company to find out first. If repairs are covered under your homeowner insurance, you should not apply for the Home Repair Program to pay for such repairs.   |
| Was your home built before 1978?   | □ Yes | □ No | If "YES", your home is subject to Lead-based Paint regulation compliance, which means that a Lead-based Paint inspection and abatement may be required.   |
| Are you able to keep up with your mortgage payments and will you be able to do so within the next 3 years? | ☐ Yes | □ No | If it is very likely that you will not be able to make required mortgage payments within the next 3 years, it is likely that you may lose ownership of your home during that time period, in which case you are advised to give it a serious consideration whether to apply for funding or not. |

Information above is not intended to be inclusive for eligibility determination.

#### **HUD Income Limits:**

| Household Size | Low Income | Moderate Income |
|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1 Person       | \$36,100   | \$57,750        |
| 2 Persons      | \$41,250   | \$ 66,000       |
| 3 Persons      | \$46,400   | \$ 74,250       |
| 4 Persons      | \$51,550   | \$ 82,500       |
| 5 Persons      | \$55,700   | \$ 89,100       |
| 6 Persons      | \$59,800   | \$ 95,700       |
| 7 Persons      | \$63,950   | \$ 102,300      |
| 8 Persons      | \$68,050   | \$ 108,900      |

Figures are adjusted annually by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; current rates are effective <u>April 1, 2024</u>.

**Notice:** Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program income limits and qualifications are subject to change without notice. Additional conditions and limitations to this program are in effect. This program is funded by HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and is conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

#### Radon:

Radon is a decay product of naturally occurring radioactive elements in the soil, and is a colorless, odorless gas. The radon gas can enter surface soils and become part of the "soil gas" environment, which then can enter the air, including air inside of buildings. When radon enters a building, radon and its decay products are either directly inhaled or inhaled after becoming attached to dust. The risk of contracting lung cancer from radon increases with an increase in the concentration of radon in the air.

HUD regulations at 24 CFR 50.3(i) and 58.5(i)(2) require all property to be free of contamination where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property. Section 50.3(i) states that "It is HUD policy that all property proposed for use in HUD programs be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gasses, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property".

| The CDBG Home Re  | epair Progran | i is conducting a radon a | nalysis, beginning 7-1-23, for all homes that qualify for the |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---|
| program. Do you a | gree to allow | radon testing in your h   | ome for data collection and further discussion of possible    |
| radon mitigation? | Yes _         | No If not, why?           |   |
| _                 |               |                           |   |

An additional \$1,000 is available to approved applicants for radon mitigation.

## **How to Apply:**

- 1. Read the entire packet. Fill out the entire application. Call our office at 913-680-2628 if you have questions.
- 2. Complete the **Eligibility Self Check** on page 2 of this packet and answer the **radon question** on page 3 of this packet.
- 3. Submit your last filed IRS federal tax forms, 1040. If your income was below the required to file, then our office has a *Certificate of Non-Filing* available.
- 4. Submit <u>all</u> income verification at your appointment. Listed below are some sources of income for you to consider, however, <u>all</u> income will be required to be acknowledged and provide documentation.
  - a. pay stubs for the last two months unless your income is variable, then 3 months will be required
  - b. annual social security determination letter
  - c. letter of eligibility for annuity or pension
  - d. document determining received child support and/or alimony
  - e. unemployment or disability determination letter
  - f. statement of interest earning for the last two years from all accounts
  - g. If there are adult members of the household that have no income then our office has a *Certificate of Zero Income* that will need to be completed.
- 5. Call 913-680-2628 to set up application review & submission. We can also assist in making copies of your documents needed to apply for this program at your appointment time so that you can keep your originals.
- 6. The application cannot be accepted or processed until staff verifies receipt of all documentation required. **Please do not** attempt to drop off documents or applications without making an appointment. **Please do not** attempt to email your documents or application. The attachments will not be opened or accepted.

**Do you have questions or want to discuss if your particular circumstances qualify?** If so, please call 913-680-2628. An appointment is required for application submission.

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| Applicant Name:               |                     |                            |                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
|                               | Last                | First                      |                               | Middle Initial  |
| Co-applicant Name:            | <br>Last            | First                      |                               | Middle Initial  |
| Applicant Telephone           | :: Home: ()         | Cell: (                    | _)                            |   |
| Email:                        |                     |                            |                               |   |
| Address of Repairs:           |                     |                            |                               |   |
| Is the Address of Rep         | airs your mailing   | address?YesN               | No                            |   |
| Do you own the Addı           | ress of Repairs?    | YesNo (If the answ         | wer is "No", you are no       | ot eligible to apply)   |
| What year did you pu          | urchase the Addre   | ess of Repairs or what yea | ır were you added t           | to the title?   |
| Repairs Needed:               |                     |                            |                               |   |
| program. <b>Please select</b> | from the list of re | pairs needed to your prope | e <b>rty.</b> Any water found | epairs are not eligible for this<br>dation issues will be limited to<br>am does not repair foundation |
| Heating Syst                  | em _                | Code Violations            | Roofing                       | g   |
| Insulation                    | _                   | Storm Door/Door            | Electric                      | cal Issues  |
| Sanitary Sew                  | er (private)        | Plumbing Issues            | Windo                         | ws (repair only)  |
| A/C                           | _                   | minor Exterior Structur    | ral                           |   |

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### **Statistical Data for Government Monitoring Purposes:**

\*Is a female Head of Household? Yes

\*Please note: HUD requires the City of Leavenworth to report the following information for all grant recipients. HUD encourages self-reporting, but you are not required to furnish the following information. Answers have no effect in qualifying for the program or not. Information is captured for statistical purposes.

\*Please select at least one from the following list that best describes your household racial characteristics.

A household is defined as all persons occupying the same housing unit, regardless of their relationship to each other. The occupants could consist of one family, two or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated persons who share living arrangements.

\_\_\_\_White \_\_\_\_\_Black/African American \_\_\_\_American Indian/Alaskan Native \_\_\_\_\_Asian \_\_\_American Indian/Alaskan Native and White \_\_\_\_Asian and White \_\_\_\_Asian and White \_\_\_\_American Indian/Alaskan Native and Black/African American \_\_\_\_Other Multi-Racial

\*Are you also Hispanic? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

### **Household Members:**

List the Head of Household (HoH) as number 1, and all members who live in your home. Give relationship of each member to the HoH, each member's age, and indicate if they are disabled. Attach a separate sheet for additional members.

No

| Member # | Full Name | Relationship<br>to HoH | Age | Disabled<br>Y/N |
|----------|-----------|------------------------|-----|-----------------|
| 1 (HoH)  |           |                        |     |                 |
| 2        |           |                        |     |                 |
| 3        |           |                        |     |                 |
| 4        |           |                        |     |                 |
| 5        |           |                        |     |                 |
| 6        |           |                        |     |                 |
| 7        |           |                        |     |                 |

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## **Income of Household Members:**

List gross income of <u>all</u> members in the household, 18 years of age and older. Incomes should be a 12-month total from the most recent 12 months or from the most recent tax return filing period. All income must be verifiable and proof must be supplied at the appointment to submit this application. Per federal requirement, this information will be used by the City to estimate your annual household income level to determine your income eligibility.

| Source                       | Applicant | Co-Applicant | Other Household Member |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|
| Salary/Wages                 | \$        | \$           | \$                     |
| Business Income              | \$        | \$           | \$                     |
| Social Security (SSI or SSD) | \$        | \$           | \$                     |
| Pension or Retirement        | \$        | \$           | \$                     |
| Unemployment                 | \$        | \$           | \$                     |
| Workers Compensation         | \$        | \$           | \$                     |
| Welfare                      | \$        | \$           | \$                     |
| Other                        | \$        | \$           | \$                     |
| ***Alimony or Child Support  | \$        | \$           | \$                     |

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Please provide the Case Number and County where alimony and/or child support court order was filed. Please provide a copy of divorce decree that outlines child custody and/or support payments.

Indicate any recent changes of income status as a result of circumstances such as job loss, divorce, death,

| etc. | Documentation is required. |
|------|----------------------------|
|      |                            |

## **Assets of Household Members:**

| Type of Asset           | Current    | Annual Income | Bank or Investment Company Name |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
|                         | Estimated  | (interest,    |                                 |
|                         | Cash Value | dividends)    |                                 |
| Checking Account        | \$         | \$            |                                 |
| Savings Account         | \$         | \$            |                                 |
| Stocks, Bonds, IRA, etc | \$         | \$            |                                 |
| 401(k) or other         | \$         | \$            |                                 |
| retirement/pension      |            |               |                                 |
| Other                   | \$         | \$            |                                 |

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| City Information:   |
|---|
| How did you hear or learn about the CDBG Home Repair Program?   |
| Is any member of your household currently working as a City of Leavenworth employee?  |
| Is any member of your household a relative of a City of Leavenworth employee?YesNo  |
| Have you or the property received a grant from the City of Leavenworth or the State of Kansas for home buying assistance or house repairs?YesNo If yes, what year?  |
| Acknowledgement of General Terms:   |
| I/we hereby submit this application to the City of Leavenworth, Kansas, for the Home Repair Program. I/we further certify that all ownership, occupancy and income information provided is true and correct.  |
| If the approving staff determines that a grant cannot be made for the purposes described herein, I/we understand that the City shall provide no assistance for this project.  |
| I/we agree not to discriminate upon the basis of race, color, creed or national origin in the future sales, lease, rental, use, improvement or occupancy of the real property rehabilitated with assistance from this grant.  |
| I/we understand that all information, including employment and income information, provided is subject to verification by the City of Leavenworth, Kansas. I/we agree to submit to the City, upon request, any additional documentation.  |
| I/we hereby grant permission to the City of Leavenworth's staff and contractors to enter the above-mentioned premise to perform work and inspections for the Home Repair Program. I/we also hereby agree to sign the Grant Agreement and a lien, as required by the City, and further certify that I/we have legal authority to authorize the City to perform services. |
| By my/our own signature(s), I/we acknowledge receipt of, have read, and understand the City's Home Repair Program Application to its entirety and I/we agree to abide by the program terms, contract documents, and applicable city codes Further, I/we acknowledge that this program is funded with federal funds and is subject to federal regulations.               |
| I/we agree that all questions have been answered by Leavenworth City staff and I/we acknowledge to communicate an further questions or concerns.  |
| I/we, the undersigned, do hereby swear under penalty of perjury that all information contained on the application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.   |
| Date:   |
| Applicant Signature & Printed Name  |
| Date:   |
| Co-applicant Signature & Printed Name   |

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