

Are you eligible for financial assistance?

In order to apply for assistance, homeowners or tenants must meet federal income requirements. The requirements are listed in the table below:

Number in family	Maximum income allowed
1- person household	\$47,450
2- person household	\$54,200
3- person household	\$61,000
4- person household	\$67,750
5- person household	\$73,200
6- person household	\$78,600
7- person household	\$84,050
8 or more - person household	\$89,450

*Income Eligibility Limits
Effective December 2013*



Examples of eligible work include the following:

- Removal of hazardous materials including lead paint, asbestos and underground oil tanks
- Roof and gutter repair and replacement
- Structural work including the construction or repair of existing stairs and decks
- Installation of ramps, grab bars, etc. to make a property handicap accessible
- Home energy efficiency measures



Before
Not wheel-chair accessible



After
ADA-complaint bathroom



Housing Rehabilitation Program

City of Newton

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What is the Housing Rehabilitation Program?



The Newton Housing Rehabilitation program provides funding assistance to income-eligible households to improve the health and safety condition of their homes. This program is funded with federal **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds.

Frequently Asked Questions



Do I have to live in Newton to be eligible?

Yes, only Newton residents and Newton properties are eligible for program funds. Many neighboring communities have similar programs.

Are all Newton homeowners eligible for funding?

No. The program is limited to low- and moderate-income households. *Please see Income Eligibility Limits table.*

Can program funds be used to assist rental units?

Yes, but the tenant(s) must be income-eligible. Program funds may only assist rental units in owner-occupied two-family residential structures or in rental developments owned by a nonprofit organization or the Newton Housing Authority. Rental units will be deed-restricted after funds are provided.

What kind of financial assistance is available?

All funding assistance is in the form of deferred payment loans at zero percent interest due upon sale or transfer of property with **two exceptions:**

1. the cost of hazard abatement is in the form of a grant; and
2. emergency funding assistance for hoarding clean up is in the form of a grant up to \$5,000 and available for applicants, who are receiving or willing to receive mental health services

What type of work is eligible for funding assistance?

Eligible work is characterized as **Priority and Non-Priority:**

Priority work includes certain health or safety emergencies, hazard abatement, removal of architectural barriers, correction of structural failures and correction of serious code violations.

Non-priority work includes energy conservation and weatherization measures, correction to certain code violations and removal of underground oil storage tanks.

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Do I have to temporarily relocate during construction?

Resident households are required to temporarily relocate during lead paint abatement. The program provides financial assistance to off-set relocation costs.



Before

Dangerous deteriorated stairs

After

Safe code-compliant stairway



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<http://www.newtonma.gov/housingrehab>



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