

## HAMILTON

### County Level Programs

#### Name of Program: **Home Improvement Program (HIP)**

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| <b>Agency:</b>               | Hamilton County Community Development Department  |
| <b>Description:</b>          | The Hamilton County Home Improvement Program (HIP) is an initiative of the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Treasurer. The "HIP" loan allows homeowners in Hamilton County communities to borrow money to repair or remodel their homes. |
| <b>Eligibility:</b>          | Available in participating Hamilton County communities through participating financial institutions. No Income Restrictions or limits (must be able to meet bank's credit requirements). Owner-occupied and investment dwellings.                             |
| <b>Eligible Repairs:</b>     | Bathrooms, decks, kitchen remodeling, plumbing, ceilings & walls, garages, landscaping, room additions, central air & furnaces, gutters & roofs, paint & carpeting, siding, windows & doors and other improvements.   |
| <b>Type of Funding:</b>      | Loans at interest rates 3% below the lowest rate a bank would normally offer. 5 year loans.   |
| <b>Contact:</b>              | 513-946-4459  |
| <b>Program Link:</b>         | <a href="https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/open_hamilton_county/projects/home_improvement_program">https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/government/open_hamilton_county/projects/home_improvement_program</a>                                       |
| <b>Lead Repairs Allowed?</b> | Contact program   |

#### Name of Program: **Home Repair Program**

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| <b>Agency:</b>               | People Working Cooperatively   |
| <b>Description:</b>          | Critical home repairs are designed to correct major defects threatening the safety of the occupants, integrity of the structure, general functionality of the house, and/or mobility of the occupants. Assistance is also available with routine maintenance.  |
| <b>Eligibility:</b>          | Must be a homeowner to qualify. Income qualifications based on 35% of area median income.  |
| <b>Eligible Repairs:</b>     | Emergency home repairs: broken water pipes; lack of heat; safety problems, such as electrical hazards; leaking hot water heater; only toilet in the home not working and other repairs. Critical home repairs: Examples include, but are not limited to: roof replacements; plumbing system repairs; electrical upgrades; furnace replacements; accessibility modifications. Home maintenance: simple tasks that can be performed by volunteers. |
| <b>Type of Funding:</b>      | Contact PWC  |
| <b>Contact:</b>              | 513-351-7921   |
| <b>Program Link:</b>         | <a href="http://www.pwchomerepairs.org/our-services">http://www.pwchomerepairs.org/our-services</a>  |
| <b>Lead Repairs Allowed?</b> | No   |

#### Name of Program: **Home Weatherization Assistance Program**

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| <b>Agency:</b>               | People Working Cooperatively   |
| <b>Description:</b>          | No-cost energy assistance program designed to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by income-eligible Ohioans, reduce participants' household energy expenditures and improve participants health and safety.                                       |
| <b>Eligibility:</b>          | Any individual, homeowner or renter with an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. HWAP providers give priority to people over the age of 60, those with disabilities, those with children in the home and those with a high energy usage and/or burden. |
| <b>Eligible Repairs:</b>     | Safety inspection, tune-up/repair and if necessary, installation of heating units; insulation of attics, sidewalls, heating ducts, floors, water tanks; reduction of air leakage from major sources; personalized energy management plans.                                   |
| <b>Type of Funding:</b>      | Grant of direct service.   |
| <b>Contact:</b>              | 513-351-7921   |
| <b>Program Link:</b>         | <a href="http://www.pwchomerepairs.org/energy-conservation">http://www.pwchomerepairs.org/energy-conservation</a>  |
| <b>Lead Repairs Allowed?</b> | No   |

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| <b>Name of Program:</b>      | <b>Lead Hazard Control Program</b>  |
| <b>Agency:</b>               | Hamilton County Public Health   |
| <b>Description:</b>          | HUD awarded Hamilton County Public Health a \$2 million dollar grant for Lead Hazard Control in September 2020. Lead hazard control program for homeowner and tenant households. Households must have low-to-moderate incomes and lead in their unit. Program assists homeowners directly; tenants are assisted by a grant to their landlord. |
| <b>Eligibility:</b>          | Household income cannot exceed 80% of area median income. If the property is owner-occupied, either a child under 6 years of age must live in the home or visit a significant amount of time, or there must be a pregnant woman living in the home.   |
| <b>Eligible Repairs:</b>     | Lead Hazard control repairs   |
| <b>Type of Funding:</b>      | Grant   |
| <b>Contact:</b>              | 513-946-7800  |
| <b>Program Link:</b>         | <a href="https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/?s=lead+poisoning">https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/?s=lead+poisoning</a>   |
| <b>Lead Repairs Allowed?</b> | Yes   |

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| <b>Name of Program:</b>      | <b>Modifications for Mobility</b>  |
| <b>Agency:</b>               | People Working Cooperatively   |
| <b>Description:</b>          | Modifications for Mobility is a critical program for PWC, targeting complicated home modification projects that are typically too expensive for its low-income, disabled clients. Modifications made under this program assist some of PWC's most vulnerable clients, improving their daily mobility and independence. |
| <b>Eligibility:</b>          | Must be a homeowner to qualify. Income qualifications based on 35% of area median income.  |
| <b>Eligible Repairs:</b>     | Depending on your location and your specific needs, some of the services you could receive are: handicapped-accessible ramps; bathroom modifications; kitchen modifications; grab bars.  |
| <b>Type of Funding:</b>      | Grant  |
| <b>Contact:</b>              | 513-351-7921   |
| <b>Program Link:</b>         | <a href="http://www.pwchomerepairs.org/modifications-for-mobility">http://www.pwchomerepairs.org/modifications-for-mobility</a>  |
| <b>Lead Repairs Allowed?</b> | No   |

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| <b>Name of Program:</b>      | <b>Very Low Income Housing Repair Program</b>   |
| <b>Agency:</b>               | USDA Rural Development  |
| <b>Description:</b>          | Provides loans and grants to very low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their home.  |
| <b>Eligibility: Loans</b>    | Homeowner must be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere and have very low incomes, defined as below 50 percent of the area median income. Maximum loan is \$20,000.          |
| <b>Eligibility: Grants</b>   | Homeowners who are 62 years old or older and cannot repay a Section 504 Loan. Maximum grant is \$7,500.   |
| <b>Eligible Repairs:</b>     | Loans may be used to repair, improve or modernize homes or remove health and safety hazards. Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards.                               |
| <b>Property Eligibility:</b> | <a href="https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do?pageAction=sfpd">https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do?pageAction=sfpd</a>   |
| <b>Type of Funding:</b>      | Loans and grants  |
| <b>Contact:</b>              | 937-393-1921 ext. 127 Hillsboro Office  |
| <b>Program Link:</b>         | <a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants">http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants</a> |
| <b>Lead Repairs Allowed?</b> | Yes   |

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| <b>City Level Programs:</b> |  |
| <b>Cincinnati</b>           |  |
| <b>Name of Program:</b>     | <b>Cincinnati Lead Paint Hazard Control Program</b>  |
| <b>Agency:</b>              | Cincinnati Health Department   |
| <b>Description:</b>         | The City of Cincinnati has a federal grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development that can help control lead paint, dust and soil hazards in residential properties. The grant addresses residential property built prior to 1978. |

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| <b>Eligibility:</b>          | A child under six years of age resides in your home or spends at least six hours per week in your home on a regular basis. You must have owned your home for more than one year. Home was built before 1978.   |
| <b>Eligible Repairs:</b>     | Lead hazard control repairs  |
| <b>Type of Funding:</b>      | Grant  |
| <b>Contact:</b>              | 513-357-7420   |
| <b>Program Links:</b>        | <a href="https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/health/cincinnati-health-department-programs/environmental-health/lead-poisoning-prevention-program/#:~:text=The%20Cincinnati%20Health%20Department%20Childhood%20Lead%20Poisoning%20Prevention,paint%2C%20dust%20and%20soil%20hazards%20in%20residential%20properties.">https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/health/cincinnati-health-department-programs/environmental-health/lead-poisoning-prevention-program/#:~:text=The%20Cincinnati%20Health%20Department%20Childhood%20Lead%20Poisoning%20Prevention,paint%2C%20dust%20and%20soil%20hazards%20in%20residential%20properties.</a><br><a href="https://choosecincy.com/resources/communities/">https://choosecincy.com/resources/communities/</a> |
| <b>Lead Repairs Allowed?</b> | Yes  |
| <b>Name of Program:</b>      | <b>Compliance Assistance Repairs for the Elderly (CARE) Program</b>  |
| <b>Agency:</b>               | City of Cincinnati, Community and Economic Development   |
| <b>Description:</b>          | The CARE Program serves the people of Cincinnati through the efforts of the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) by providing grants to low income, elderly or disabled homeowner-occupants to correct City of Cincinnati code violations issued pursuant to the Neighborhood Enhancement Program's (NEP) "house to house" exterior property condition inspection.   |
| <b>Eligibility:</b>          | Low income, elderly or disabled homeowner-occupants.   |
| <b>Eligible Repairs:</b>     | Services may include repairs to a leaking roof, dilapidated porch, unsafe stairs, defective siding, painting and other similar repairs required under the Cincinnati Housing Code.   |
| <b>Type of Funding:</b>      | Grant  |
| <b>Contact:</b>              | Community Action Agency at 513-569-1840 ext. 1466.   |
| <b>Program Link:</b>         | <a href="https://choosecincy.com/resources/communities/">https://choosecincy.com/resources/communities/</a>  |
| <b>Lead Repairs Allowed?</b> | Contact program  |
| <b>Name of Program:</b>      | <b>Help Eliminate Lead Pipes (HELP) Program</b>  |
| <b>Agency:</b>               | Greater Cincinnati Water Works   |
| <b>Description:</b>          | Customer assistance program to qualified property owners for the cost of their private (customer) side Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement.  |
| <b>Eligibility:</b>          | Qualified applicants. Contact program for eligibility criteria.  |
| <b>Eligible Repairs:</b>     | Lead service line replacement  |
| <b>Type of Funding:</b>      | The one-time cost benefit will be applied as a credit on the LSL Replacement final bill from GCWW. Available funding for the HELP Program is limited and will be distributed to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-serve basis.   |
| <b>Contact:</b>              | 513-651-LEAD (5323)  |
| <b>Program Link:</b>         | <a href="https://la.mygcww.org/help-program/">https://la.mygcww.org/help-program/</a>  |
| <b>Name of Program:</b>      | <b>Housing Repair Services Program</b>   |
| <b>Agency:</b>               | City of Cincinnati Community and Economic Development  |
| <b>Description:</b>          | Home repairs and accessibility modifications to low-income homeowners, particularly elderly and/or disabled owners. Emergency Repairs – up to \$2,500 and limited to two per household per year, Immediate Repairs – up to \$5,000, Critical Repairs – up to \$10,000.   |
| <b>Eligibility:</b>          | Individual homeowner occupants of property, not exceeding 3 dwelling units per building, of which one unit is occupied by the owner, within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati. Income qualifications vary by program. Contact the City for more info.   |

**Eligible Repairs:** Emergency repairs: Broken water lines where water is pouring, not dripping, out of the line; Client's only accessible toilet is stopped up or otherwise unusable; Presence of gas fumes; No heat; AC not working in heat emergency where a member of the household is vulnerable due to health conditions. An electrical condition that poses a fire threat. Immediate repairs: can include modifications and accessibility improvements for physically disabled individuals like wheelchair ramps, electric lifts, grab bars/handrails. Critical repairs can include: Defects affecting the integrity of the structure or shell of the house like leaking roofs and gutters, decayed and/or damaged siding, failing foundations, damaged or failed support beams.

**Type of Funding:** Grants

**Contact:** Department of Community and Economic Development (513) 352-6146

**Service Providers:** Service Provider: People Working Cooperatively (513) 351-7921  
Service Provider: Max Construction Group (513) 381-1893

**Program Link:** <https://choosecincy.com/resources/communities/>

**Lead Repairs Allowed?** Yes

**Contact:** 513-352-2908

**Lead Repairs Allowed?** No