

## PORTAGE

### County Level Programs

#### Name of Program: Home Repair (HOPE Program)

**Agency:** Community Action Commission of Portage County

**Description:** Emergency home repairs. The program is designed to complement the agency's existing energy conservation programs.

**Eligibility:** Homeowners with incomes at or below 50% of the area median income. Additional requirements are available on the CAC's website.

**Eligible Repairs:** Health and safety issues, handicap accessibility, serious issues with the home

**Type of Funding:** Grant

**Contact:** 330-297-1456

**Program Link:** <http://www.cacportage.net/home-repair-portage-county.html>

**Lead Repairs Allowed?** No

#### Name of Program: Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP)

**Agency:** Community Action Council of Portage County

**Description:** 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.

**Eligibility:** 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

**Eligible Repairs:** 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.

**Type of Funding:** Grant of direct service. No cash benefits.

**Contact:** 330-297-1456

**Program Link:** <http://www.cacportage.net/home-weatherization-portage-county.html>

**Lead Repairs Allowed?** No

#### Name of Program: Lead Hazard Control Grant

**Agency:** Ohio Department of Health through a grant from HUD

**Description:** Lead hazard control program for homeowner and tenant households. Households must have low-to-moderate incomes and lead in the unit. Program assists homeowners directly; tenants assisted by grant to landlord.

**Eligibility:** 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.

**Eligible Repairs:** Lead hazard control repairs

**Type of Funding:** Grant, up to an average of \$8,000 per unit

**Contact:** 877-532-3723 (LEAD SAFE)

**Lead Repairs Allowed?** Yes

#### Name of Program: Safe at Home

**Agency:** Rebuilding Together Northeast Ohio

**Description:** Assists senior and low-income homeowners repair and maintain their homes

**Eligibility:** Low income elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners.

**Eligible Repairs:** Minor Home Repairs: replacing a roof, fixing or replacing a furnace, building a ramp, upgrading the electrical system, painting, and flooring. Emergency Repairs are completed in response to unforeseen circumstances such as weather, and other crisis relative to heating, sewer, water systems that are not covered by insurance. Home Rehabilitation projects are undertaken on Annual Rebuilding Day. Safe at Home assists with accessibility and maintenance items for seniors, including grab bars, hand rails and safety seats.

**Type of Funding:** Grant

**Contact:** 330-773-4100 Ext. 2101

**Program Link:** <https://www.rebuildingtogetherneo.org/portage>

<b>Lead Repairs Allowed?</b>	Contact Program
<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
<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>	330-830-7700 Massillon 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
<b>City Level Programs:</b>	
<b>Kent</b>	
<b>Name of Program:</b>	<b>Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)</b>
<b>Agency:</b>	City of Kent
<b>Description:</b>	Homeowner Rehabilitation
<b>Eligibility:</b>	Owner occupied homeowners. Income cannot exceed 80% of area median income.
<b>Eligible Repairs:</b>	<b>Rehabilitation:</b> Installation and/or repairs to foundations, roofs, gutters electrical upgrades, plumbing, furnaces, hot water heaters, insulation, windows, doors, accessibility improvements and lead based paint reduction.
<b>Type of Funding:</b>	Homeowner Rehab assistance is provided as a no-interest deferred/declining loan.
<b>Contact:</b>	330-678-8108
<b>Program Link:</b>	<a href="http://www.kentohio.org/169/Community-Development">http://www.kentohio.org/169/Community-Development</a>
<b>Lead Repairs Allowed?</b>	Yes