

Franklin County Home Repair Program



What is the Franklin County Home Repair Program?

The **Franklin County Home Repair Program** provides for health- and safety-related home repairs for homeowners living within Franklin County but outside the limits of the City of Columbus. This program helps homeowners improve the functionality of their homes so they can live in a safe and comfortable environment.

Qualified homeowners can receive a grant for repair projects such as:

- Furnace/heating systems
- Leaking or failing roofs
- Faulty plumbing or electrical systems
- Handicap accessibility modifications
- Upgrading sewage disposal and private water systems
- Other health- and safety-related issues

Who Oversees the Program?

The **Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)** is Central Ohio's voice as the regional council with more than 80 local governments and community partners. MORPC provides non-partisan data analysis, community resources, and long-range planning. MORPC works with its partners to drive the future prosperity and sustainability of the Central Ohio region.

What are the Program Eligibility Requirements?

To qualify to receive home repair services, homeowners must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Your home must be located within Franklin County but outside the limits of the City of Columbus
- You must be current on Franklin County property taxes
- Your home must be valued at less than 95% of the median sale price (as valued by the Franklin County Auditor)
- You must have homeowners insurance of at least the current market value (as valued by the Franklin County Auditor)
- Your annual, pre-tax, household income must be within the **following income guidelines**

Household Size	Annual Household Income Pre-Tax Income at or Below
1	\$55,500
2	\$63,500
3	\$71,450
4	\$79,350
5	\$85,700
6	\$92,050
7	\$98,400
8	\$104,750

Call 614-233-4171 to discuss your home repair needs and check your eligibility or visit www.morpc.org/homerepair to apply online.

For a free home assessment, visit:



HEALTHY HOMES

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes



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Eight Tips for Keeping a Healthy Home

- 1. Keep it Dry:** Prevent water from entering your home through leaks in roofing systems or due to poor drainage. Check your interior plumbing for any leaking.
- 2. Keep it Clean:** Control the source of dust and contaminants, creating smooth and cleanable surfaces, reducing clutter, and using effective wet cleaning methods.
- 3. Keep it Safe:** Store poisons out of the reach of children and properly labeled. Secure loose rugs and keep children's play areas free from hard or sharp surfaces. Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and keep fire extinguishers on hand.
- 4. Keep it Well-Ventilated:** Ventilate bathrooms and kitchens and use whole house ventilation for supplying fresh air to reduce the concentration of contaminants in the home.
- 5. Keep it Pest-Free:** All pests look for food, water and shelter. Seal cracks and openings throughout the home; store food in pest-resistant containers. If needed, use sticky-traps and baits in closed containers, along with less toxic pesticides such as boric acid powder.
- 6. Keep it Contaminant-Free:** Reduce lead-related hazards in pre-1978 homes by fixing deteriorated paint and keeping floors and window areas clean using a wet-cleaning approach. Test your home for radon, a naturally occurring dangerous gas that enters homes through soil, crawlspaces, and foundation cracks. Install a radon removal system if levels above the EPA action-level are detected.
- 7. Keep it Well-Maintained:** Inspect, clean, and repair your home routinely. Take care of minor repairs and problems before they become large repairs and problems.
- 8. Thermally Controlled:** Houses that do not maintain adequate temperatures may place the safety of residents at increased risk from exposure to extreme cold or heat.

Other Federal Resources

US Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov

Other Resources

National Safety Council
www.nsc.org



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