



Dane County Minor Home Repair Program

What does this program offer?

The Dane County Minor Home Repair Program provides eligible homeowners with a \$5,000 grant that can be used to repair the owner's home or to improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

Who is eligible for this program?

Eligibility requirements include:

- Household income must be at 80% of county median or less.
- A household member must have a permanent disability.
- The home must be occupied by the owner as his or her primary residence.
- Payments must be current on mortgage, property taxes, and homeowner's insurance.
- The household must not have received assistance through the provision of a Dane County repair grant in the previous three years.

Are there any geographical or property-type restrictions?

- Eligible homeowners must reside in one of the participating municipalities of the Dane County Consortium.
- The assessed value of property being assisted must not exceed 95% of the area median purchase price.
- Single-family home, one side of a duplex, or condominium.

What costs do these funds cover?

Borrowers can use the grant for repairs or changes that make the home safe or more accessible. Repairs or changes can include expenses such as roof replacement or repair, a new furnace, installation of a ramp or handrails, and kitchen or bathroom updates that maximize accessibility.

Who provides the funds for this program?

The Dane County Community Development Block Grant program provides the funding for this home repair program.

What are the repayment terms for this grant?

Assistance will be offered in the form of a grant. The maximum grant is \$5,000 in a twelve-month period, with a lifetime maximum of \$15,000.

Can funds from this program be used with other assistance programs?

Yes. The program can be used with a household's personal resources and some other home repair programs.

What is the process for obtaining this grant?

Once a homeowner submits an application and required documents, Movin' Out reviews the application for approval and reserves the funds.

- We will send a reservation of funds letter to the homeowner confirming our approval.
- Allow a complete professional inspection of the home upon reservation of funds and a final inspection after the rehab work is complete. The cost for the inspections can be paid from the Dane County Minor Home Repair Program.
- Obtain two estimates from contractors for the work to be done. Contractors must be insured professionals. We recommend that homeowners obtain references from contractors. The homeowner is responsible for monitoring progress and problem-solving with the contractor.
- Homeowners are responsible for purchasing required building and zoning permits and providing a copy to Movin' Out prior to the start of work.

How are the grant funds paid out?

At the beginning of a project, Movin' Out can pay up to 50% of the costs. After the work is complete, a final inspection is done and the remaining funds are released. The homeowner must sign a verification of completion document and contractors must provide a signed lien waiver upon completion of the job.

Where can I get more information or apply?

Contact a Movin' Out housing counselor for more information at 608-251-4446 x 7 or info@movin-out.org.

