

2020 State Funding Housing Programs RFA

OVERVIEW

On November 18th, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for 2020 State Funded Housing Programs. OCR will award up to \$9 million in State funding for the following programs:

- Access to Home
- Access to Home for Heroes (veterans)
- Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients
- Mobile & Manufactured Home Replacement
- RESTORE

Each program is outlined in detail below. The full RFP is available [here](#). Applications are due on January 15, 2021.

FUNDING

Funding allocations for each program will be as follows:

Program	Anticipated Funding
Access to Home	\$1 million
Access to Home for Heroes	\$2 million
Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients	\$1.5 million
Mobile & Manufactured Home Replacement	\$3.3 million
RESTORE	\$1.3 million

ACCESS TO HOME PROGRAMS

The Access to Home, Access to Home for Heroes, and Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients programs provide financial assistance to make residential units accessible for low- and moderate-income

- 1) individuals with disabilities (Access to Home);
- 2) veterans with disabilities (Access to Home for Heroes); and
- 3) individuals receiving Medicaid who are living with a disability (Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients).

This support will enable individuals to safely and comfortably continue or return to live in their residences instead of residing in an institutional setting. Additionally, the Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients program has a secondary long-term goal of lowering health care costs.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for the Access to Home programs are local government units and not-for-profit organizations that have been providing relevant services to the target community for at least one year.

Funding Limits

Applicants may request between \$75,000 and \$150,000 in total funding. A maximum of \$25,000 per unit is allowable, which includes hard costs for accessibility modifications, soft costs (architectural, design, engineering, testing, permits), and project delivery fees. Applicants may budget up to 7.5 percent of the requested amount for eligible administrative costs and up to 5 percent for eligible soft costs and project delivery costs.

Grant funds may be used to help eligible homeowners complete accessibility modifications to adapt or retrofit homes for individuals with disabilities. Examples include wheelchair ramps and lifts, handrails, doorway widening, and roll-in showers. Rehabilitation assistance may not combine funding across the three Access to Home programs.

Grants will last for two years.

MOBILE & MANUFACTURED HOME REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Mobile & Manufactured Home Replacement program assists low- and moderate-income homeowners replace dilapidated mobile or manufactured homes that are sited on land owned by the homeowner with a new manufactured, modular, or site-built home.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are local government units and not-for-profit organizations with substantial experience in affordable housing.

Funding Limits

Applicants may request between \$200,000 and \$500,000 in total funding. A maximum award of \$100,000 per property is allowable, which includes both hard and soft costs for the replacement of a mobile or manufactured home. Applicants may budget up to 7.5 percent of the requested amount for eligible administration costs and up to 10 percent for soft costs.

Eligible costs include, but are not limited to:

- Demolition, removal, disposal of the dilapidated units;
- Purchase and site prep for new unit;
- Temporary relocation assistance; and
- Permitting, environmental review, and testing.

Grants will last for three years.

RESTORE

The Residential Emergency Services to Offer (Home) Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) program provides financial resources to assist senior citizen homeowners with the cost of addressing emergencies and code violations that pose a threat to their health and safety or that affect the livability of their home. This support enables seniors to live independently in their homes.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants for the RESTORE program include local government units and not-for-profit organizations that have been providing relevant services to the community for at least one year.

Funding Limits

Applicants may request between \$75,000 and \$150,000 in total funding. There is a maximum award of \$10,000 per building allowable, which includes hard costs for accessibility modifications, soft costs, and project delivery fees. Applicants may budget up to 7.5 percent of the requested amount for eligible administrative costs and up to 5 percent for eligible soft costs and project delivery costs.

Grant funds may be used to assist homeowners in completing emergency repairs. An eligible emergency repair eliminates a hazardous condition or deficiency that poses an immediate threat to the life, health, or safety or the elderly homeowner.

Grants will last for one year.

TIMELINE

Applications are due on January 15, 2021. There will be an application training webinar on December 3rd at 10am. Interested parties may register [here](#).

Questions may be submitted to OCRinfo@nyshcr.org.