

## RFA: New York State Homes and Community Renewal Housing Programs

### OVERVIEW

The New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) announced in a Request for Applications (RFA) the availability of up to \$9 million in State funding for the following housing programs:

- Access to Home: \$1 million
- Access to Home for Heroes (Veterans): \$5 million
- Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients: \$1.5 million
- RESTORE Program: \$1.3 million
- Mobile & Manufactured Home Replacement Program: \$900,000

The components of each program are outlined below. The RFA is available [here](#). Additional information and application instructions for each program are available [here](#). Applications are due on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### ACCESS TO HOME

The Access to Home program provides financial assistance to make residential units accessible for low- and moderate-income individuals with disabilities. Assistance with the cost of adapting homes helps individuals safely and comfortably continue or return to live in their residences instead of residing in an institutional setting. Examples of modifications include wheelchair ramps and lifts, handrails, doorway widening, and roll-in showers.

### Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations that have been providing relevant services to the community for at least one year.

### Funding

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

Grants will last for up to two years.

### Target Participants

Participants targeted for this program must meet the following criteria:

- Participants must have a documented substantial limitation caused by a disability;
- Participants must have a household income at or below 80 percent of area median income (120 percent for veterans); and
- The assisted residential unit must be the primary, permanent residence of the eligible participant.

## ACCESS TO HOME FOR HEROES (VETERANS)

The Access to Home for Heroes program provides financial assistance to make accessibility modifications, emergency home repairs, or address code violations to the primary residences of low- and moderate-income veterans with disabilities. Eligible veterans may be renters or homeowners, with service-related injuries or age/health-related disabilities.

### Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations that have been providing relevant services to the community for at least one year.

### Funding

Applicants may request between \$75,000 and \$300,000 in funding, A maximum of \$25,000 per unit is allowable, inclusive of hard costs for accessibility modifications, soft costs, and project delivery fees. Applicants may budget up to 7.5 percent of the request amount for eligible administrative costs and up to 5 percent for eligible soft costs (architectural, design, engineering, testing, permits) and project delivery costs.

Grants will last for up to two years.

### Target Participants

Participants targeted for this program must meet the following criteria:

- Participants must have qualifying veteran status;
- Participants must have a documented substantial limitation caused by a disability;
- Participants must have a household income that does not exceed 120 percent of area median income.

## ACCESS TO HOME FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS

The Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients program provides financial assistance to make dwelling units accessible for low- and moderate-income Medicaid beneficiaries living with a disability. This program, developed in partnership with the New York State Department of Health, has a secondary long-term goal of lowering health care costs.

### Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations that have substantial experience in adapting or retrofitting homes for persons with disabilities.

### Funding

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

Grants will last for up to two years.

## Target Participants

Participants targeted for this program must meet the following criteria:

- Participants must be qualified Medicaid recipients;
- Participants must have a documented substantial limitation caused by a disability; and
- Participants must have a household income at or below 80 percent of area median income (120 percent for veterans).

## RESTORE PROGRAM

The Residential Emergency Services to Offer (Home) Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE) program provides financial resources to assist senior citizen homeowners (age 60+) with the cost of addressing emergencies and code violations that pose a threat to their health and safety or affect the livability of their home.

## Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations that have been providing relevant services to the community for at least one year.

## Funding

Applicants may request between \$75,000 and \$150,000 in funding, A maximum of \$10,000 per building is allowable, inclusive of hard costs for accessibility modifications, soft costs, and project delivery fees. Applicants may budget up to 7.5 percent of the request amount for eligible administrative costs and up to 5 percent for eligible soft costs (architectural, design, engineering, testing, permits) and project delivery costs.

Grants will last for up to one year.

## Target Participants

Participants targeted for this program must meet the following criteria:

- Participants must own and occupy the residential unit receiving assistance as a primary residence;
- Participants must be sixty years of age or older; and
- Participants must have a household income that does not exceed 100 percent of the area median income.

## MOBILE & MANUFACTURED HOME REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Mobile & Manufactured Home Replacement program assists low- and moderate-income homeowners to replace dilapidated mobile or manufactured homes with a new manufactured, modular, or site-built home.

## Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations with substantial experience in affordable housing.

## Funding

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

Grants will last for up to three years.

## Target Participants

Participants targeted for this program must meet the following criteria:

- The property is the primary residence of the homeowner, and the existing unit is sited on land owned by the homeowner; and
- Participants must have a household income that does not exceed 80 percent of the area median income.

## TIMELINE

Proposals must be submitted by October 22<sup>nd</sup>. All applications must be completed using the Community Development Online Application System available [here](#).

Questions may be submitted to [OCRinfo@nyshcr.org](mailto:OCRinfo@nyshcr.org).