

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
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**NEW YORK STATE HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL
HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL
2020 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)**

The Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) announces the availability of up to \$9 million of State funds for the following programs:

- \$1 million - Access to Home Program
- \$2 million - Access to Home for Heroes (Veterans)
- \$1.5 million - Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients Program
- \$1.3 million - RESTORE Program
- \$3.3 million - Mobile & Manufactured Home Replacement Program

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

The detailed Request for Applications (RFA) and online application will be available on the NYS Homes and Community Renewal website, <https://hcr.ny.gov/office-community-renewal-state-housing-resources-funding-opportunities> on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. Applications will be due no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, January 15, 2021. Applications must be submitted using the Community Development Online Application System (CDOL) available at: <https://apps.hcr.ny.gov/SingleSignon/?ReturnUrl=%2fcdonline%2fmenu.aspx>

The above-stated application deadline is firm as to date and hour. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, applications received after the specified date and time will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered for funding. Early submission of applications is recommended to avoid risks of ineligibility resulting from unanticipated delays.

ACCESS TO HOME PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The NYS Access to Home program provides financial assistance to make residential units accessible for low- and moderate-income persons with disabilities. Assistance with the cost of adapting homes will enable individuals to safely and comfortably continue to, or return to, live in their residences instead of residing in an institutional setting.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants for the Access to Home program are units of local government and organizations incorporated under the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, that have been providing relevant service to the community for at least one year prior to application.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Grant funds may be used to assist homeowners to complete accessibility modifications to adapt or retrofit homes for persons with disabilities. Rehabilitation activities reimbursable by grant funds may only include accessibility modifications designed to address the needs of the person

with disabilities or substantial difficulty with daily living activity due to aging. Examples include wheelchair ramps and lifts, handrails, doorway widening, and roll-in showers. Review the Access to Home Program Manual for more information related to eligible activities: <https://hcr.ny.gov/access-home#program-manual>.

FUNDING LIMITS

- The minimum request amount is \$75,000. The maximum request amount is \$150,000.
- A maximum of \$25,000 per unit is allowable. This cap is inclusive of both 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.
- Applicants may budget up to 5 percent of project costs for eligible soft costs and project delivery costs.

ACCESS TO HOME FOR HEROES PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Access to Home for Heroes (formerly known as Access to Home for Veterans) program provides financial assistance to make dwelling units accessible for low- and moderate-income veterans living with a disability. Assistance with the cost of adapting homes to meet the needs of those with disabilities will enable veterans to safely and comfortably live in their residences instead of residing in an institutional setting.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants for the Access to Home for Heroes program are units of local government and organizations incorporated under the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, that have been providing relevant service to the community for at least one year prior to application.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Grant funds may be used to assist homeowners to complete accessibility modifications to adapt or retrofit homes for Veterans with disabilities. Examples include wheelchair ramps and lifts, handrails, doorway widening, and roll-in showers. Review the Access to Home Program Manual for more information related to eligible activities: <https://hcr.ny.gov/access-home#program-manual>.

FUNDING LIMITS

- The minimum request amount is \$75,000. The maximum request amount is \$200,000.
- A maximum of \$25,000 per unit is allowable. This cap is inclusive of both 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.
- Applicants may budget up to 5 percent of project costs for eligible soft costs and project delivery costs.

ACCESS TO HOME FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients program was developed in partnership with the New York State Department of Health (DOH). This program provides financial assistance to make dwelling units accessible for low- and moderate-income persons receiving Medicaid and living with a disability. Assistance with the cost of adapting homes to meet the needs of those with disabilities will enable individuals to safely and comfortably live in their residences instead of residing in an institutional setting. The Access to Home for Medicaid program has a secondary long-term goal of lowering health care costs.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants for the Access to Home for Medicaid Recipients program are units of local government and organizations incorporated under the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, that have substantial experience in adapting or retrofitting homes for persons with disabilities.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Grant funds may be used to assist homeowners to complete accessibility modifications to adapt or retrofit homes for persons with disabilities that are Medicaid recipients. Rehabilitation activities reimbursable by grant funds may only include accessibility modifications designed to address the needs of the person with disabilities or substantial difficulty with daily living activity due to aging. Examples include wheelchair ramps and lifts, handrails, doorway widening, and roll-in showers. Review the Access to Home Program Manual for more information related to eligible activities: <https://hcr.ny.gov/access-home#program-manual>.

FUNDING LIMITS

- The minimum request amount is \$75,000. The maximum request amount is \$150,000.
- A maximum of \$25,000 per unit is allowable. This cap is inclusive of both 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.
- Applicants may budget up to 5 percent of project costs for eligible soft costs and project delivery costs.

MOBILE & MANUFACTURED HOME REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The New York State funded Mobile and Manufactured Home Replacement program was developed to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners to 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 for the New York State funded Mobile and Manufactured Home Replacement program are units of local government and not-for-profit corporations with substantial experience in affordable housing.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Costs related to the replacement of dilapidated mobile or manufactured homes will be eligible for grant reimbursement. These costs include, but are not limited to:

- Demolition, removal, disposal of the dilapidated units;
- Purchase of new replacement manufactured units and site preparation;
- Construction of replacement housing units;
- Temporary relocation assistance;
- Permitting, environmental review, and testing.

FUNDING LIMITS

- The minimum request amount is \$200,000. The maximum request amount is \$500,000.
- A maximum of \$100,000 per property is allowable. This cap is inclusive of both hard 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.
- Applicants may budget up to 10 percent of project costs for eligible soft costs and project delivery costs.

RESTORE PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 affect the livability of their home. Assistance for the cost of these critical repairs will enable seniors to continue to live independently in their homes.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants for the RESTORE program are units of local government and not-for-profit corporations that have been providing relevant service to the community for at least one year prior to application.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Grant funds may be used to assist homeowners to complete emergency repairs. An eligible emergency repair eliminates a hazardous condition or deficiency that poses an immediate threat to the life, health or safety of the elderly homeowner. Review the RESTORE Program Manual for more information related to eligible activities: <https://hcr.ny.gov/restore-program#program-manual>.

FUNDING LIMITS

- The minimum request amount is \$75,000. The maximum request amount is \$150,000.
- A maximum of \$10,000 per building is allowable. This cap is inclusive of both 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.
- Applicants may budget up to 5 percent of project costs for eligible soft costs and project delivery costs.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The OCR reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to negotiate with applicants, recommend funding in an amount less than requested, conduct site visits, interview the applicant and development team, extend the submission deadline, and request additional information. The OCR reserves the right to waive or modify any requirement contained in the Request for Proposals and applications received subject to the applicable statutes and the Program Regulations.

MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (M/WBE) COMPLIANCE

Recipients of awards are subject to Article 15A and 17-B of the New York State Executive Law. These requirements include equal employment opportunities for minority group members and women (“EEO”) and contracting opportunities for certified minority and women-owned business enterprises (“MWBES”) and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (“SDVOBs”). Recipient’s demonstration of “good faith efforts” pursuant to 5 NYCRR §142.8 shall be a part of these requirements.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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