

Town of Blacksburg Housing Resiliency Grant Application

The Housing Resiliency Grant Program provides eligible applicants in the Town of Blacksburg corporate limits with free assistance to: (1) improve energy efficiency, (2) improve accessibility to and within the home, and (3) obtain minor repairs to substandard housing conditions to safeguard against imminent danger to human life, health or safety. It is not the intent of this program to be a rehabilitation program or to provide normal maintenance or cosmetic housing repairs.

The level of assistance is limited solely to the amount required to address the specific repairs. ***The maximum amount of assistance per household over a five year period may not exceed \$5,000 unless an exception is approved based on individual need and circumstance.*** Assistance is provided as a grant, with no interest and no repayment requirement.

The completion of this application is required to begin the process for obtaining a Housing Resiliency Grant. Please answer all questions as thoroughly and accurately as possible. We realize that many of the questions are of a personal nature, and, therefore, we regard your answers as privileged communication and will treat them in a confidential manner.

I. General Information

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Household Composition

Last Name	First Name & Middle Initial	Relationship to Head of Household	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Full Time Student (Yes or No)

II. Current Living Situation

What is your current living situation (please check one)

own home rent

If you rent your landlord will also need to sign the application and intend to rent to you for the next 12 months.

III. Work Needed through Grant Program

Please check the items of work you are seeking to have done. An inspector will come to your house to determine eligibility and scope of work needed.

Eligible Work

- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Systems (HVAC) to increase energy efficiency
- Attic insulation
- Air sealing
- Gas Leak - In the gas piping between the gas meter and any appliances
- Water Leak - In the water piping between the water meter and any fixtures
- Sewer Line - In the house sewer between the house and the point of disposal
- Electrical - repair of hazardous main electrical service and/or hazardous circuits into the home
- Structural - whenever any portion of the home or member of appurtenance is immediately likely to fail, or to become detached or dislodged, or to collapse and thereby injure persons
- Existing water heater replacement
- Leaking roof repairs and/or replacement - roof over main occupied residence may be eligible for repair or replacement if the extent of the leak is threatening to cause serious damage to the home, jeopardizing the health and safety of the occupants
- Install wheelchair ramps, grab bars, levers, railing
- Install devices for the hearing and sight impaired
- Install accessible showers, bathtub, toilets
- Doorway and hallway widening for wheelchair/walker accessibility
- Modification of exterior door to provide a step-free/zero-step entrance
- Install lifts
- Hot water heater wrap
- Light bulb change out
- Insulation up to code as needed after repairs
- Window and door change outs when existing cannot be reasonably repaired
- Special Conditions - emergencies threatening to life or health of the occupants will be considered on a case-by case basis.

Please specify _____

Ineligible Work

- a. Appliance repair - Including refrigerator, range and oven, clothes washer/dryer, garbage disposal, toaster, etc.
- b. Repair of dripping faucets, running toilet tank, clogged drains, and minor fixture leaks. Repair of electrical outlet, switch, or light fixture
- c. General mechanical - Furnace, evaporative cooler, air conditioning servicing in preparation for winter or summer, lighting and/or cleaning furnace, repairing or replacing plumbing, blower motor, pads and water distribution system
- d. Home security improvements - Installation of window and door lock system, or alarm systems
- e. Cosmetic and general maintenance repairs - plastering, patching and painting, floor covering, door and hardware and other routine and ongoing maintenance work. General repairs to accessory structures, lean-to's, carports, garages and other amenities, window glass replacement.
- f. New energy systems such as solar electric or geothermal
- g. Whole house insulation

Financial Information

To obtain a grant you must meet income guidelines. The following table will assist you in calculating your eligible income. Final determination of eligibility will require documentation of all income sources and be subject to third party income verification. We realize that many of the questions are of a personal nature, and, therefore, we regard your answers as privileged communication and will treat them in a confidential manner.

Social Security # ____/____/____

Birthdate ____/____/____

Income Source	Gross Annual Income (Use Annual Amounts)
Employment – full-time, part-time, seasonal, etc.	\$
Unemployment benefits	\$
Workers Compensation	\$
Social Security or Disability Benefits	\$
Military Pay	\$
Veterans Administration Benefits	\$
Pension and/or Annuity	\$
Contributions from organizations or individuals	\$
Alimony	\$
Income from assets (eg. checking, savings, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, rental property)	\$
Other income: please specify	
Total Income	\$

Completion of this section is voluntary

In order to help us carry out our responsibilities under applicable Fair Housing Laws, we ask that you provide the following Ethnic and Racial information

Ethnic Categories	Select one
Hispanic or Latino	
Not-Hispanic or Latino	
Racial Categories	Select all that apply
American Indian or Alaska Native	
Asian	
Black or African American	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	
White	
Other	

IV. Please read the following statement and sign:

I hereby apply for a grant from the Town of Blacksburg's Housing Resiliency Grant Program. I warrant that all statements contained herein are true. I have been advised and understand that approval of a grant is subject to qualification.

By execution of this application, I hereby authorize the Town of Blacksburg to verify my income through third party verification. I understand that such third party verifications investigations typically include verification of employment, salary, and assets.

Applicant's acknowledgement (sign here) _____

Applicant's printed name _____

Date _____

If applicant is a tenant, landlord must also sign the application and intend to rent to the tenant for the 12 months after the work is complete. This is not applicable if tenant fails to comply with the terms of the lease.

Landlord's acknowledgement (sign here) _____

Landlord's printed name: _____

Landlord's address: _____

Landlord's phone number: _____

Date: _____

Please send application to:

**Town of Blacksburg
Attention: Ellen Stewart
P.O. Box 90003
Blacksburg, VA 24062**

Questions? Contact (540) 443-1613

estewart@blacksburg.gov

For Office Use Only:

Received by: _____ **Date Received:** _____ **Time:** _____