

BLIGHTED PROPERTY ASSISTANCE RESOURCE

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh

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Who they are: Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh offers several programs designed to help low-income homeowners with repairs to their homes. Repairs are completed primarily through the efforts of our volunteers, with green and sustainable building practices used whenever possible. Repairs are affordable, as they are completed at no-profit to Habitat. If needed, low or no-interest loans may be available to help finance the cost of the work.

PROGRAMS:

A Brush With Kindness (ABWK)

ABWK helps with minor-to moderate exterior repairs. Eligible repairs include painting, landscaping, roof repair/replacement, window replacement, accessibility modifications, and other volunteer-friendly activities.

Veterans Build Program

The Veterans Build Program assists local veterans and their families with necessary home repairs or renovations including interior and exterior accessibility modifications. In addition to providing or preserving access to quality, affordable housing, our Veterans Build Program gives veterans an opportunity to serve together as volunteers and helps facilitate reintegration with the community. Beyond funds raised locally for our Veterans Build program, the Home Depot Foundation approved HFHGP as one of 36 Habitat affiliates across the country to participate in their 2012 Repair Corps partnership.

Weatherization Services (P.H.F.A. Partnership)

HFHGP has partnered with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) to help homeowners with low-cost repairs that make their house more energy-efficient. Repairs save homeowners money on their utility bills and can help improve the air quality, safety and longevity of the home. Repairs are completed through a contractor and financed through a loan with PHFA. Eligible repairs include; roof repair/replacement, energy-efficient windows and doors, energy-efficient heating/cooling systems, air sealing, insulation and ductwork.

Critical Home Repair

Currently under development at HFHGP, CHR will offer affordable rehabilitation work for home repairs and improvements necessary for restoring and maintaining safe and sound living conditions and home values.

Allegheny Home Improvement Loan Program (AHILP)

(412)350-6337 || AHILP@AlleghenyCounty.US

- from the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development

Offers low-interest home improvement loans and non-repayable grants to eligible owner-occupants. Emergency/Priority Loans provide timely financing for the repair of code violations or emergency conditions that present health and safety hazards. General Improvement Loans support the rehabilitation and improvement of residential properties.

TWO TYPES OF LOANS:

-Emergency/Priority Loans provide timely financing for the repair of a code violation or emergency condition that presents a health and safety hazard. *(No fee)*

-General Improvement Loans support the rehabilitation and improvement of residential properties. *(includes a \$375 loan processing fee)*

TO APPLY: call or fill out an online application at

<http://www.alleghenycounty.us/economic-development/residents/ahilp/ahilp-application.aspx>

Nazareth Housing Homeowner Assistance Program

412-931-6996 ext 6510 || BVandivier@chfmanor.org || www.chfmanor.org

Helps elderly or disabled homeowners make urgently needed home repairs and improvements. Housing counselors visit clients in their homes to determine the scope of work needed. A list of reliable contractors, and provide grants and low-interest loans to pay for the work is maintained.

Links seniors with volunteers to help with home maintenance jobs such as painting or yard work, coordinating the efforts of the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Pittsburgh every summer.

Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh

(412) 247-2700 || rtpittsburgh.org

Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh and over 25,500 volunteers have completed nearly 2,300 rebuild projects in Allegheny County. As we rebuild homes for seniors, veterans, and persons with physical disabilities, our lasting impact helps to stabilize and revitalize our region's neighborhoods.

To be eligible you must be:

- The homeowner of record for an Allegheny County property in which they have resided for three or more years
- Current on property taxes, or on a qualified repayment plan
- Living in a household with total income less than 200% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#)
- At least 60 years of age, a military veteran, or a person with a documented disability

Hosanna Industries

724-770-0262 contact: Amy Ed || hosannaindustries.org

Hosanna Industries' daily work involves rehabilitating existing homes. Through the help of donations, volunteers and a capable staff of mission workers, Hosanna Industries is able to provide such services as roof repair, siding repair, window replacement and handicapped accessibility features, to mention a few. Qualifying low and very low-income families often find they need our services to keep their homes habitable and to maintain residency. These services are normally provided at no cost to the homeowner so they may use monthly income for other necessities such as food and clothing. No matter what type of project Hosanna Industries undertakes, we attempt to help uplift community spirit and awareness for both the client and the surrounding neighborhood.

No income eligibility requirements listed

Action Housing Weatherization Assistance Program

Contacts are region specific – see below || www.actionhousing.org

ACTION-Housing operates the Weatherization Assistance Program for the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny, Washington, and Greene counties. The Weatherization Assistance Program is a federally-funded program that provides eligible homeowners and renters with free-of-charge weatherization services, which refers to the process of reducing the amount of air infiltration into and out of the home. This process should improve energy efficiency, reduce heating and electric bills, and make the home a more comfortable place to live. In 2011, we spent over \$10 million to weatherize 1,990 households. No liens or encumbrances are ever placed against the property.

To be eligible for the program, you **must**:

- Meet certain income eligibility requirements (see table below)
- Live in a City of Pittsburgh Ward, Allegheny County, or Washington or Greene counties.
- Have lived in your home for three months and be able to provide us with three months of utility bills.
- If you do not own your home, you must have the approval of the home owner to seek weatherization services.
- Complete the entire weatherization application.
- Be willing to allow us to perform our services on the property as we deem necessary.

2015 Weatherization Income Eligibility Guidelines						
Family Size	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	Additional
Gross Income (before taxes)	\$23,540	\$31,860	\$40,180	\$48,500	\$56,820	Add \$8,320

For an application, please contact the appropriate person below:

City of Pittsburgh residents, please contact:

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McKeesport and Mon Valley residents:

Lu Ethel Nesbit
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Washington and Greene County residents, please contact:

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