



MHIR (Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair) Home Repair Allocation Update 4/12/23

Background

The MHIR program supports park improvements, home repairs, and foundation installation in manufactured home communities. The Legislature appropriated \$4,000,000 to the program with Act 182 of 2022. The Home Repair program area provides financial assistance for repairs to help maintain the habitability of manufactured homes, and to assist with emergency repair situations. The legislature appropriated \$750,000 to this program area, with \$2,500,000 allocated for small-scale capital infill awards and \$750,000 for new foundations.

Current Status

After only 6 weeks of open applications, application request for home repair funds has exceeded \$1,000,000.

We have received over 100 applications for this program, prior to widely promoting the program. Common requests for repairs include problems with roofs, heating systems, windows, plumbing, and skirting. Most applicants have requested more than 1 type of repair. This demonstrates a tremendous need for the home repair portion of the program.

PROGRAM AREA	# OF APPLICANTS	TOTAL REQUEST	ALLOCATION
INFILL	28	\$460,704.00	\$2,500,000
HOME REPAIR	119	\$1,192,740.83	\$750,000
FOUNDATIONS	25	\$242,248.00	\$750,000

(Note: data updated 4/12/23)

Opportunity

Seeking to be given the authority to apply flexibility to which areas of assistance are prioritized within the existing allocation.

Language from Act 182 of 2022:

***** Manufactured Home Relocation Incentives *****

Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Of the amounts available from federal COVID-19 relief funds, the following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purposes specified:

(1) \$2,500,000.00 for manufactured home community small-scale capital grants, through which the Department may award not more than \$20,000.00 for owners of manufactured housing communities to complete small-scale capital needs to help infill vacant lots with homes, which may include projects such as disposal of abandoned homes, lot grading/preparation, site electrical box issues/upgrades, E911 safety issues, legal fees, transporting homes out of flood zones, individual septic system, and marketing to help make it easier for home-seekers to find vacant lots around the State.

(2) \$750,000.00 for manufactured home repair grants, through which the Department may award funding for minor rehab or accessibility projects, coordinated as possible with existing programs, for between 250 and 400 existing homes where the home is otherwise in good condition or in situations where the owner is unable to replace the home and the repair will keep them housed.

(3) \$750,000.00 for new manufactured home foundation grants, through which the Department may award not more than \$15,000.00 per grant for a homeowner to pay for a foundation or HUD-approved slab, site preparation, skirting, tie-downs, and utility connections on vacant lots within manufactured home communities.



Proposed Amendment:

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[The amendment above would give DHCD maximum discretion to direct funding between programs. Alternatively, DHCD could request language that allows a reapportionment of funds, such as the following]:

Alternative Proposed Amendment:

XXX (Act 182, 2022, Sec. 3) Is amended as follows:

Of the amounts available from federal COVID-19 relief funds, the following amounts are appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purposes specified: The Department may reapportion up to 50% of the funds in sections one (1) through three (3) below, between the three categories.

[This amendment maintains a baseline minimum of half of the funding allocated to each category, but allows DHCD to reapportion funds as needed to meet demand].