

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How do I apply?

A. You must complete an official application form and return to:

**Pike County Community & Economic Development Office
116 S. Market Street
Suit 103
Waverly, Ohio 45690**

If you are unable to come to this office, arrangements can be made for home visitations by calling Marena Carter at (740)-947-5808 ext. 1441302. These arrangements are for elderly or handicap persons only.

Q. How much money can I get to fix up my home?

A. The amount depends on the extent of work required to bring your property in conformance with the Community Housing Code or OHCP Residential Rehabilitation Standards. However, the deferred loan and or grant will not exceed an as-bid price of \$30,000 per unit without addressing Lead Based Paint for hazards for **private homeowner rehabilitation**. Any expenditure in excess of these amounts must be justified and approved by the County, and housing specialist or paid by the Owner.

Q. Does it cost me anything to submit an application or have my home inspected?

A. **NO!** There are absolutely no charges for this program and your participation is voluntary.

The County reserves the right to “Walk Away” from a housing unit that poses undue threat to health and safety of the inspector or contract at any time. **Housing units that violate the following will not be assisted.** Conditions, which may constitute undue threat, include, but are not limited to the following:

- Structurally unsound dwellings that are, or should be condemned for human habitation.
- Evidence of substantial, persistent infestation of rodents, insects and other vermin.
- Environmental hazards such as serious moisture problems, friable asbestos or other hazardous materials, which cannot be resolved before rehab work is to start.
- The presence of animal feces in any area around dwelling.
- Excessive garbage build up in or around dwelling.
- Negligent housekeeping practices that limit access or create an unwholesome working environment.

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- A threat of violence.
- The presence and/or use of any controlled substances before or during rehab.
- Suspected manufacturing of a controlled substance before or during rehab.
- Occupants allowing only limited access to the dwelling.

Q. What happens after I submit my application?

A. Community Development personnel will review your application and determine if you are eligible for a loan or grant. You will then be notified in writing of your eligibility and if you decide to participate, arrangements will be made to have your home inspected for code violations and rehabilitations standards.

Q. Are these restrictions on how the money is used or the improvements that are to be made?

A. **YES!** According to the program guidelines, the money can be spent to correct Code Violations Only, and to meet rehabilitation standards.

The following indicates the type of rehabilitation work that will be permitted:

<u>GENERALLY ELIGIBLE</u>	<u>GENEALLY INELIGIBLE</u>
Roofs	Air Conditioning
Gutters	Detached Garages
Windows	Room Additions
Doors	General Property Improvements
Furnaces	Cosmetic Items
Hot Water Tanks	
Structure Deficiencies (porches, floors)	
Walk Stairs	
Plumbing	
Electrical	

Only work approved by this department may be performed, and must be completed within a 45-day period.

All work must be completed by an experienced and qualified contractor or builder in each particular job classification, and all work must pass inspection in accordance with the building and housing codes.

If you have any other questions please feel free to email mcarter@midohio.twcbc.com or call 740.947.5808 ext. 1441302. Thank you!

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 Pike County Community Development Office