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## ANNUAL HOUSING REPAIR GRANT PROGRAM NOW OPEN Eligible Homeowners and Contractors Encouraged to Apply

Monterey, CA. – The City of Monterey's annual home repair grant program is now open and seeking qualified applicants. The Housing Rehabilitation Program serves low-income homeowners within the City of Monterey and allows residents to obtain grants for repairs to help maintain their most important investment - their home. Eligible homeowners are encouraged to apply early to ensure funds are available, with priority screening beginning in late September.

The City's Housing Repair Grant Program provides grants to qualifying homeowners to make needed health and safety repairs and improvements to their homes that they could not afford otherwise. Types of work that can be funded include:

- Safety and accessibility projects for disabled persons, such as installation of ramps and grab bars
- Plumbing and electrical repairs
- Repairs or replacement of windows, doors, and certain appliances
- Minor home remodeling projects to improve accessibility and safety
- Exterior repairs, such as painting, roof repairs, and tree removal

Interested Monterey residents can view eligibility requirements and <u>complete an application</u> available on the Housing Programs website at monterey.org/housing - specifically posted at <a href="https://monterey.org/housinggrants">https://monterey.org/housinggrants</a>

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All work funded by the grants will be completed by licensed contractors who have been approved by the City to participate in the program. Contractors interested in the program are encouraged to contact the Housing Programs Office to learn how to sign up.

The program is operated through the City's Housing Programs Office with support from <u>Federal Community Development Block Grants</u>. The program supports approximately \$100,000 in home repairs annually and is part of the City's continuing efforts to support housing for low-income, senior, and disabled persons.

Learn more by <u>reading the brochure</u> or pick up a copy at the Housing Programs Office, downstairs of Colton Hall, 570 Pacific Street; or call (831) 646-3995. <u>Video testimonials are also available on the web page.</u>



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