

City of New Iberia



One Block at a Time Application: Home Repairs for Seniors, Low-Income, and Disabled Communities

Please return to:

457 E. Main St, Suite 300

New Iberia, LA 70560

337-369-2300

-or-

lkerlegon@cityofnewiberia.com

Due: August 9, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.



One Block at a Time 1: Home Repairs for Seniors, Low-Income and Disabled Communities

Program Description

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. These funds are available to state and local governments for a one-time aid to address recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The New Iberia City Council allocated \$900,000 of these funds to a One Block at a Time program to award grants to build stronger communities through investments in a voucher program to provide home repairs for underserved, elderly, disabled, or low-income homeowners in the City of New Iberia.

In July 2024, applications will open for 36 homeowners to receive minor home repairs at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must own the home or be the legal representative of the homeowner. (Rental Properties are not eligible)
- Applicant must be underserved, elderly, disabled, or low-income.
 - Proof of Income Required
 - Copy of Social Security Payment, Retirement or Unemployment Award Letter
 - Last four (4) consecutive check stub copies for ALL household members 18 years of age and older

What types of grant expenses are eligible?

Eligible grant expenses include the following:

- Operable shutters
- Handicap ramps
- Minor carpentry
- Exterior painting
- Landscaping

How will recipients be chosen?

Applications will be reviewed based on:

- Feasibility – Architectural Review:
 - Proposed project must be completed with \$25,000 grant by December 31, 2026.
- Application
- Administrative Review

Program Timeline

- Applications open: July 8, 2024
- Applications close: August 2, 2024
- Grant recipients notified by: September 1, 2024
- Grant funds spending deadline: December 31, 2026

**Pursuant to the Public Records Law, information submitted to the City of New Iberia may become a public record.

**One Block at a Time 1: Home Repairs for Seniors,
Low-Income and Disabled Communities
Program Application**



1. Application Information:

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Alternate Phone:** _____

Email: _____

2. Family Income Information:

Verification of **all household income**. To qualify for this grant, a household's adjusted income must be within the established income limit based on size. Below are some examples of income that may be applicable to all household members and what should be provided to the City of New Iberia.

- Copies of the last four week's consecutive pay stubs.
- Copies of recent benefit statements for regular unearned income (such as Social Security, Public Assistance, Retirement income, etc)

For each applicant, a complete copy of their last signed and filed Federal Income Tax Return. IRS Form W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," and/or IRS Form 1099-MISC, "Miscellaneous Income", must be attached. For returns mailed to the IRS, provide a copy of the signed document. For returns filed electronically, include a copy of the signature page with the Self-Select PIN, confirmation that the return was accepted, or evidence that it was filed by an authorized E-File provider.

**Pursuant to the Public Records Law, information submitted to the City of New Iberia may become a public record.

| Name | Income Type | Monthly Income |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Total Family Income | | |

3. How many individuals are living in your household, including yourself? _____

4. Do any household members have pre-existing or potential health conditions to take into consideration for handicap accessibility of the residence?

5. Is the home a single-family home and are you the owner or owner representative?

Please include a copy of ownership documentation. Examples are as follows:

- Evidence of Ownership: Copy of Deed, or other documentation.
- Tax Statement: Most recent property tax assessment and annual statement, if applicable (Spring (County/City) tax bill and Fall (School) tax bill).

6. What year was the home built?

7. When was the property purchased? _____

8. What repairs need to be made to the property?

Operable Shutters

Handicap Ramp

Minor Carpentry

Exterior Painting

Landscaping

9. Please describe the repairs that your property needs in the space below.

APPLICANT ASSURES THAT:

- ❖ I have furnished true and correct information regarding household income and agree to promptly report any changes in the household income or number of individuals living at the listed address.
- ❖ I grant the City of New Iberia full permission to verify any and all information with both public and private sources or any entity, which may have furnished me services.
- ❖ I understand that if I receive services for which I am ineligible because of false information, I may be required to repay the City of New Iberia.
- ❖ I understand that by signing this document, I attest to the truth of all information provided (either verbally or in writing) to the City of New Iberia.

I further,

- Give permission for the City of New Iberia to repair my home subject to the requirements of the One Block at a Time Program.
- Acknowledge that any repair services provided will be limited only to services permitted under the One Block at a Time Program and not additional services requested by, or at the personal preference of, the owner and/or occupant of the dwelling being repaired.
- Certify that I live at the listed address as my primary residence.
- Release the City of New Iberia, its contractors, employees, agents, and the State of Louisiana from any liability associated with repairing my home and grant permission for photographs and information to be used to document and publicize the One Block at a Time Program.
- Certify that property is not scheduled for acquisition or clearance under a government program.

Applicant Signature

Date