



RENTAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does your apartment need some love? Improve your quality of life by improving your surroundings.

RENEW is offering financial assistance through a pilot program to improve rental properties located in the City of Rochester. Tenants and housing providers (owning fewer than 10 units and/or able to demonstrate financial need) can apply for improvements and repairs through the **Rental Property Improvement Program (RPIP)**.

No-cost repairs may include:

- Minor to mid-level repairs or updates to rental units
- Repairs are NOT limited to health and safety concerns and could include items such as security upgrades, new appliances, repairs to broken steps, walls, or windows, updated electrical panels, plumbing repairs, cosmetic updates, insulation, heat pump/hot water heaters/furnaces, etc.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Owners or tenants of small rental properties in Rochester.
- Tenants who receive HEAP, Section 8, SNAP, WIC or Medicaid are automatically eligible.

GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS: RENEW will provide an average of \$5,000 per unit (larger projects will be considered on a case-by-case basis), and properties may be eligible for additional grants through NYS Weatherization, EmPower, Assisted Home Performance, or NYSERDA energy efficiency programs.

# in Household	Income Max
1	\$53,200
2	\$60,800
3	\$68,400
4	\$75,950
5	\$82,050
6	\$88,150
7	\$94,200
8	\$100,300

Participation requirements:

- Agree to provide pre- and post-improvement energy usage data (*only applies to projects including energy-efficiency improvements*) and participate in a follow-up survey to assess effectiveness of the program.
- Enter into a Grant Agreement indicating the work to be done, and that the owner and occupant agree to meet all program requirements, which may include restrictions on significant rent increases or change in lease agreements. Grant funds will typically be issued directly to the weatherization agency or subcontractor. Any payments made directly to a landlord will be a reimbursement of funds that have been expended (documented by paid invoices and/or cancelled check copies) for specific improvements approved in advance by the agency.
- Priority provided for owners who participate in the “Operating Rental Property” course operated by the Housing Council. For more info: www.thehousingcouncil.org/calendar
- Tenants are strongly encouraged to participate in the FREE “Keys to Renting Workshop” or “Housing Stability Counseling Program” courses operated by the Housing Council. For more info: www.thehousingcouncil.org/calendar

RENTAL PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PIP) GRANT APPLICATION

PRIMARY CONTACT (*Property Owner and/or Tenant Name*)

Owner Company Name (if any): _____

Property Address: _____
(*Street Address with Zip Code*)

Are you a landlord or a tenant? _____

What are the top issues you would like to see addressed to improve the property?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Primary Contact Phone: _____ **Cell Phone (if different):** _____

Email: _____

I attest to the accuracy of the information provided and agree to meet all program requirements. I agree to provide pre- and post-improvement energy usage data (only applies to projects including energy efficiency improvements) and participate in a follow-up survey to assess effectiveness of the program.

Primary Contact Name

Signature

Date

HOW TO APPLY:

For more information about what repairs and improvements qualify and how to apply, call PathStone at (585) 546-3700 ext. 3026 or Action for a Better Community at (585) 325-5116 and press "0" for the operator.

This pilot program is brought to you by the City of Rochester, the AntiDisplacement Learning Network (ADLN), and Rochester ENergy Efficiency and Weatherization (RENEW), an initiative of Rochester Area Community Foundation.

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