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## **Application period opens for urgent housing repair program**

**Rocky Mount, N.C.** – The annual application period for the city’s urgent housing repair program opens Monday and continues until Oct. 7.

The city of Rocky Mount offers up to \$15,000 in funding to assist with the rehabilitation of deteriorated homes that are owned and occupied by very low-income households.

The goals of the Urgent Repair Program are:

- To alleviate housing conditions which pose an imminent threat to the life or safety of very low-income homeowners with special needs.
- To provide accessibility modifications and other repairs necessary to prevent the imminent displacement of very low-income homeowners with special accessibility needs, such as frail elderly and persons with disabilities.

Residents earning less than 50% of Area Median Income who own and live in a single-family residence within the city limits of Rocky Mount are eligible for assistance. These yearly income limits range from \$14,050 for a single-person household to \$33,450 for a four-person household.

Eligible repairs include flooring, plumbing, electrical and HVAC system upgrades, roof repair or replacement, lead mold or asbestos abatement, as well as accessibility features such as wheelchair ramps, handrails and grab bars, kitchen and bathroom adaptations and door alterations.

Funding sources for this program include \$132,000 from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency and \$150,000 from the city of Rocky Mount.

For more information, call 252-972-1100 or go online and visit

<https://rockymountnc.gov/housing-grants-programs/>

### **About Rocky Mount**

The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. The city was recognized as one of 10 winners nationwide of the 2020-21 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 54,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community toward a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit [www.rockymountnc.gov](http://www.rockymountnc.gov) for news and updates.

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