



PRESS RELEASE

On May 20, 2019, the University Heights City Council voted unanimously to create the Property Maintenance Grant Program. This Program offers low-income University Heights residents to receive up to \$2,500 for corrections related exterior code violations. “Making needed home repairs can be a financial burden, so I hope this grant program will be helpful to our homeowners,” Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan said. “This is another big step in our strategy to maintain and improve our city’s housing stock.”

Housing and Community Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers explained to council that this grant came to be after evaluating resources available to residents. “We identified an opportunity for the city to be able to do more for our low-income residents,” Grogan-Myers said. The Property Maintenance Grant Program will improve aesthetics and eliminate blight by promoting investment in existing homes, and incentivizing upkeep and renovation.

To be eligible to receive grant funding:

- the property must be a single- or two-family, owner-occupied property;
- the property must be current on property taxes or on a County payment plan;
- the project must be the result of a violation notice from the Housing and Community Development Department;
- the property owner must meet income guidelines and provide at least a 10% match to awarded grant funds.

The Program follows income outlines from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. To qualify, a one-person household income cannot exceed \$39,000 annually. For a two-person household, the maximum increases to \$45,250. The income limit for a three-person household is \$50,900, and for a four-person household, the limit is \$56,550.

For more information about the Property Maintenance Grant Program and to download the Program application, go to <http://www.universityheights.com/housinggrant/>. Call the Housing and Community Development Department at (216) 923-7800 with questions.

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