

Manitoba Housing announces intake period for the Rental Housing Improvement Program

We are pleased to advise of an opportunity to apply for funding under the Residential Housing Improvement Program – November 25, 2015 until **4:30 pm (Winnipeg time) on December 22, 2015.**

What is the Rental Housing Improvement Program? The Rental Housing Improvement Program (RHIP) provides financial assistance to landlords, who rent to tenants of low income, to repair or rehabilitate their property and bring it up to a minimum level of health and life safety.

Who is eligible? Landlords of rental properties in a private, private non-profit or housing co-operative situation may be eligible for RHIP if they meet the program requirements.

Eligible properties:

- are located in Manitoba outside of First Nations communities;
- have landlord-tenant relationships as defined by the Residential Tenancies Act;
- have one or more permanent self-contained rental units intended to be rented to occupants that are not related to the owner;
- have rents set at or below the medium market rents for your area*;
- have tenants with total gross household income below the income limits for the program*;
- are not currently earning forgivable financial assistance under a federal, provincial or federal/provincial government housing program; and
- are not receiving ongoing operating subsidy or assistance under a federal or provincial program, not including rent supplement.

What types of repairs and costs are eligible? The property must be lacking in at least one of the following categories: Structural; Electrical; Plumbing; Heating; Fire and Life Safety. Eligible repairs include those mandatory repairs to bring the project up to a minimum level of health and safety as defined by the program.

Other eligible costs include labour and applicable taxes, legal fees, building permits, certificates, drawings and specifications and consultant fees and tenant displacement allowance.

How much assistance is available under the RHIP Program? A maximum of \$24,000 in Southern Manitoba and \$28,000 in Northern Manitoba per unit for eligible mandatory repairs may be available to qualified landlords.

How to Apply

Manitoba Housing releases a call for applications for Rental Housing Improvement Program annually. To request information contact Manitoba Housing at:

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To learn more about the [Rental Housing Improvement Program](#) please visit our website at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/mh/progs/repair.html>