

**ONONDAGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
SAFE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROJECT FOR THE ELDERLY  
SHAPE-UP PROGRAM  
FACT SHEET**

**1. WHAT IS THE SHAPE-UP PROGRAM?**

SHAPE-UP is a home repair program administered by Onondaga County Community Development. Eligible homeowners can receive a grant of up to \$10,000 to cover the costs of necessary home repairs.

**2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE - Homeowners:**

- a. who are at least 62 years old or disabled;
- b. who have owned and occupied the property at least one year;
- c. whose property taxes are current at the time of the application;
- d. whose property is covered by Homeowners Insurance; and
- e. whose household size and annual gross income fall within the guidelines listed below:

FAMILY SIZE	MAXIMUM INCOME
1	\$38,100
2	\$43,550
3	\$49,000
4	\$54,400

**3. HOW MUCH WORK CAN BE DONE ON MY HOME IF I QUALIFY?**

Community Development will arrange to pay for the actual cost of necessary home repairs, up to a maximum of \$10,000. This does *not* mean that each grant recipient is automatically entitled to the maximum grant.

**4. WHAT KIND OF WORK CAN THE GRANT PAY FOR?**

Repairs to mechanical systems, such as water supply, plumbing, heating, and electrical. Repairs to the structure, such as roofs, foundations, porches, and stairs. Installation of safety and energy related items, such as deadbolt locks, smoke detectors, grab bars, storm windows, and insulation. Lead Hazard reduction as required by HUD Lead-Based Paint Regulations. *\*\*If a child under six lives in the home or visits often and lead hazards are found, a grant of up to an additional \$10,000 may be available.*

**5. WILL THERE BE A LIEN PLACED ON MY PROPERTY? --- \*YES\***

Assistance is in the form of a deferred-loan. You must agree to repay the full amount of the grant if you do not own and occupy the property as your principle residence for Five (5) years following completion of the work.

**6. I THINK I'M ELIGIBLE, HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?**

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