

## Alternative Home Assistance Organizations

### Offered to Residents outside of Cuyahoga County

These organizations are not affiliated with the Heritage Home Program. Some have a wait list - contact them to find out more information. This list is not exhaustive, and please reach out to your local municipality to see if there are other resources for your community.

- **Dominion East Ohio Home Performance with Energy Star Program**  
**(877) 287-3416**
  - Certified auditor performs an energy audit. The cost is \$50 (retail value \$500).
  - A certified auditor will use advanced diagnostic equipment to conduct a comprehensive assessment of your home's energy efficiency. The auditor can also provide information on how to select a participating contractor in your area to complete the recommended improvements and take advantage of up to \$1,250 in rebates offered through this program.
  - <https://www.deohpwes.com/>
  
- **GLCAP Home Repair and Home Rehabilitation Programs – (419) 333-6101**
  - Housing Rehabilitation assistance and Home Repair assistance program for homeowners in Lorain County
  - Includes repairs to roofs, septic systems, foundations, electric, plumbing, and more
  - Homeowner must meet eligibility requirements
  - Assistance is provided as a grant or forgivable loan for home repair, and provided as a no-interest deferred/declining loan for rehabilitation assistance
  - <https://www.glcap.org/programs/home-rehabilitation-needs/home-rehabilitation/>
  
- **Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) -(216) 378-9042**
  - HFLA lends money interest free to responsible individuals in need. Types of loans include: home bills, home repairs, medical and dental expenses, family expenses, education, etc.
  - A successful loan applicant is one who:
    - Can demonstrate a genuine need.
    - Has been unable to receive a loan from a conventional source.
    - Will be able to repay the loan in monthly installments beginning immediately following the granting of the loan.
    - Applicant has one or more suitable co-signers.
  - <http://www.interestfree.org/>
  
- **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) -(800) 282-0880**
  - HEAP is a federally funded program that provides eligible Ohioans assistance with their home energy bills. This one-time benefit is applied directly to the customer's utility bill or bulk fuel bill.
  - Ohioans with a household income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for the program.
  - [https://www.development.ohio.gov/is/is\\_heap.htm](https://www.development.ohio.gov/is/is_heap.htm)

- **Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) - 1-800-848-1300**
  - HWAP is a residential energy efficiency program that reduces the energy use of qualified households. The types of assistance will be based on the home's energy efficiency assessment.
  - Ohio: [https://development.ohio.gov/is/is\\_hwap.htm](https://development.ohio.gov/is/is_hwap.htm)
  
- **HUD/FHA Title 1 Property Improvement Loan Program**
  - FHA Title 1 loan can be used for improvements that make a home more livable, and can help if homeowners do not have to have a lot of equity to qualify for other loans
  - To find an FHA-approved lender in your area, call HUD's Customer Service Center toll-free: (800) 767-7468 (TTY: (800) 877-8339) for a list of lenders in your state.
  - [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/title/sfixhs](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/title/sfixhs)
  
- **Lorain County Public Health Lead Testing and Assistance – (440) 322-6367**
  - Lead Testing for Children is available to determine if they have been exposed to lead. Call for an appointment, walk-in times are available
  - Lead Assessments for a home are available (fees vary based on the level of assessment) to check for lead risks in and around the home
  - HEPA Vacuum is available to borrow for Lorain County residents for safe removal of lead-based paint chips and dust
  - LCPH and HUD have lead abatement grants available for qualifying homeowners. Owner occupied and rental homes may qualify
  - <https://www.loraincountyhealth.com/lead#removelead>
  
- **Rebuilding Together NEO – (216) 800-8556 or (330) 773-4100**
  - Applications are received year round online and in-person for those who live in the following Ohio counties: Cuyahoga, Lake, Medina, Portage, Summit, and Stark at one of the offices by appointment. Since services differ by community and funds available, they request that you call the local Rebuilding Together phone number to inquire.
  - Through the minor home repair program, they seek to repair some of the more critical things such as replacing a roof, fixing or replacing a furnace, building a ramp, upgrading the electrical system, painting, and flooring.
  - Safe At Home/Handyman Program
    - Provides minor home repairs for safety and accessibility issues
    - Homeowner must meet program requirements
  - <https://www.rebuildingtogetherneo.org/>
  
- **Rural Development – US Department of Agriculture**
  - Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants
  - <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants>
  
- **Summit County Fix-It Funds Loan Program – (330) 643-7703**
  - Low interest, fixed rate home improvement loans for large and small home repairs
  - Loan amounts range from \$5,000-\$50,000
  - Applications are submitted to the Summit County Fiscal office
  - <https://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net/index.php/fix-it-funds-loan-program>