

Alternative Home Assistance Organizations

These organizations are not affiliated with the Heritage Home Program. Some have a wait list - contact them to find out more information. The information about programs below comes from the program's provided information online. Contact the organization for updated information and resources. This list is not exhaustive, and please reach out to your local municipality to see if there are other resources for your community.

Offered to Residents in Ohio outside of Cuyahoga County

- **Dominion East Ohio Home Performance with Energy Star – (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/>
- **Environmental Health Watch Healthy Homes – (216) 961-4646**
 - Educational presentations and workshops and information on Lead Risk Assessments and Lead Clearance testing
 - Information on remediation of home health hazards including radon, lead, pest management
 - EHW Healthy Homes Audit to identify hazards or safety concerns
 - <https://www.ehw.org/healthy-homes>
- **GLCAP Home Repair and Home Rehabilitation Programs – (419) 333-6049**
 - Housing Rehabilitation assistance and Home Repair help 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/>
- **Habitat for Humanity of Summit County – Home Repair Program – (330) 745-7734**
 - Serves low-income homeowners who need help maintaining the exterior of their homes
 - Homeowner must meet eligibility requirements
 - <https://www.hfhsummitcounty.org/about-habitat-for-humanity/programs/homerepair/>
- **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 and 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
- **Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) - 1-800-848-1300**
 - 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
- **HUD 203(K) Rehab Mortgage Insurance – (800) CALL-FHA (225-5342)**
 - Section 203(k) insurance enables homebuyers and homeowners to finance both the purchase (or refinancing) of a house and the cost of its rehabilitation through a single mortgage or to finance the rehabilitation of their existing home.
 - Projects, properties, and homeowners must be eligible
 - Applications submitted through FHA approved lenders
 - https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/203k/203k--df
- **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
- **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>