

2020 CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT
Awarded to the Village of Sherman

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The Village is encouraging people to apply, and though only 8 or so may be assisted this cycle, the applications will be kept on file. The Village intends to work with CHRIC on additional rounds to assist everyone eligible in time.

Schedule

Summer 2021 – detailed applications will be sent out

Fall – selection of 8 applicants

Winter - inspections

Spring - bids

Summer 2022 - construction / repairs

Selection Criteria

Single-family dwellings (no trailers)

Home ownership - deed holder (taxes and mortgage must be current)

Rehabilitation needs

Income eligibility

Additional considerations include VA & ADA statuses

How much is the CDBG grant? \$488,250.

How is the grant spent? It's estimated \$40,000 to \$60,000 per home, based on qualified rehabilitation needs.

What are some examples of rehabilitation needs? Windows, roofs, foundations, stairs & ramps, lead & mold remediation. The focus is on making homes healthy, safe, and secure; focus is not on aesthetics. CHRIC will conduct inspections for final determination of rehabilitation needs. Items like siding can be considered if it meets the necessary criteria.

How many will be selected? 8+ single-family dwellings.

How many applications were received? 22+ preliminary applications have been received. CHRIC is still accepting preliminary applications; interested residents can call Eileen Powers from CHRIC on 716-753-4653 (if leaving a message, please mention Sherman).

What are the next steps? Those who submitted a preliminary application will be receiving detailed application packets from CHRIC. CHRIC will make the selections based on scored criteria that includes rehabilitation needs, income eligibility, ADA and VA statuses.

Who makes the selection? CHRIC, based on scored criteria.

What is CHRIC? Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corporation is a private, non-profit agency working to improve Chautauqua County's homes, neighborhoods, communities, and lives of its residents, since 1978. CHRIC is a valued partner, and has an exceptional reputation with NYSOCR-CDBG.

Who takes and maintains my personal information? CHRIC, not the Village.

Who manages the contractors and project details? CHRIC.

Who should I be expecting to contact me? Only Eileen Powers, CHRIC's Director of Housing Rehab Services, or someone from the CHRIC office Eileen introduces to you will ever ask for any personal or financial information from you.

How much is available for each home? Approx. \$40,000 to \$60,000 per home.

What will I have to contribute? \$0 - this is a grant. There is a 3-year lien applied to prevent abuse by potential house flippers.

How much is the Village contributing? \$0 - CHRIC even pays or fronts all costs and awaits reimbursement from CDBG.

What role does the Village play? Municipal applicant that facilitates the opportunity and processes the funding for the project.

What is CDBG funding? Community Development Block Grants are federal funds provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, commonly known as HUD, and administered by NY State's Office of Homes and Community Renewal.

What CDBG grants has the Village received?

2020 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant for Single Family Dwellings \$488,250.

2020 CDBG Co-Funded Infrastructure Grant for WWTP Improvements \$1,250,000.

2020 CDBG Community Planning Grant for Feasibility Study \$47,500.

2018 CDBG Community Planning Grant for Water & Stormwater \$50,000.

2017 CDBG Community Planning Grant for WWTP & Sanitary Sewer \$50,000.

What other NYSOCR grants has the Village received?

2020 NYMS-TA Grant to perform 4+ building condition surveys \$20,000.

If and when will the Village apply again? All funding must be spent prior to applying for more. Construction will be summer 2022, therefore the earliest the Village could apply again would be 2023. The Village does intend to apply for additional rounds of Housing Rehabilitation funding.

Since this is not for aesthetic purposes how does it help the Village? Directly - it may not be visible that there will be \$40,000-60,000 in improvements made to a single house (because of its purposes for the aforementioned - roofs, electric, foundation, windows, etc). Of the grants received by the Village, this is the one that will most directly impact the lives of our residents, bringing assistance to the most basic and critical of needs... but will be the least visible to the public.

Indirectly, it maintains the health and safety of our residential community, preventing future blight and demolition. Whether its education or any other social institution focused on physical, mental and emotional wellness, it's believed it begins with the health, safety and security in the home. This will affect the face of Sherman in ways beyond brick and mortar, and aesthetic facades.

The Village's reaction? The Village expressed their appreciation for the grant provided by CDBG and explained how excited they are for this opportunity. We knew this would be a very competitive grant cycle, many communities share similar needs.

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