



Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

Program Overview

The Dennis Board of Selectmen, working in conjunction with The Resource Inc., seeks applicants for housing rehabilitation programs. The funding is provided by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development and allows a **0% interest, deferred, forgivable loan** to make critical repairs to your home. This program is designed to improve existing housing conditions of low and moderate income resident households by eliminating code violations. Eligible repair activities will include, but not be limited to, electrical, heating and plumbing work; minor structural repairs; roof and siding repairs; insulation and window replacement; lead paint and asbestos removal; and handicap accessibility improvements.

ELIGIBILITY

Preliminary eligibility is defined as an applicant meeting the initial eligibility requirements, as laid out in the pre-application, in order to qualify to begin the housing rehabilitation application process. Final eligibility is determined after the fully completed loan application and all supporting documentation is received, reviewed and accepted by the TRI Housing Rehab Program Manager.

Applicants: This program is offered to owner-occupied single-family/multi-family and investor-owned units in the Target Area of South Dennis. If the structure is a single-family owner-occupied unit, the owner must meet income guidelines of low to moderate income. If the structure contains year-round rental units, at least 51% of all the households including rental units/renters must meet these income limits. The applicant must be the property owner of record for the proposed residential structure. *Please refer to the table for income levels based on household size.*

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Very Low Income	32,050	36,600	41,200	45,750	49,450	53,100	56,750	60,400
Low Income	51,250	58,600	65,900	73,200	79,100	84,950	90,800	96,650

CONSTRUCTION

Structures: The primary purpose of the deferred payment loan program is to bring deteriorated residential units into compliance with all applicable Federal, State and Local codes. To be eligible, a structure or portion thereof must be residential and contain one or more code violations. Note: All code violations must be corrected as a condition of participating in the TRI Housing Rehabilitation Program. A Housing Rehab Specialist will conduct a site visit and develop a detailed work write-up and cost estimate. The Housing Rehab Specialist will then review these items with the homeowner. NOTE: TRI Housing Rehabilitation Program is a moderate rehabilitation program. If upon completion of a site visit, detailed write-up and cost estimate, the Housing Rehab Specialist determines that the dollars needed far exceed program limits, the project can be deemed infeasible and funding denied.

FUNDING MECHANISM-DEFERRED PAYMENT LOANS

The TRI Housing Rehabilitation Program offers Deferred-Payment Loans (DPLs) to finance the rehabilitation of eligible projects. The maximum DPL is \$35,000 per unit to address code violations. An additional \$5,000 per unit is available when improvements include removal of lead paint or asbestos, making handicapped access, septic system replacement or multiple energy-efficiency enhancements. The DPL is secured by a lien placed on the property for a period of 15 years. The interest rate is 0%. The DPL will be forgiven at a rate of 1/15th per year provided the property owner(s) are not in any way in default; therefore, Deferred-Payment Loans do not require monthly loan payments. If a property is sold or transferred within the 15-year period after rehabilitation completion, the funds will be recaptured on a prorated basis. After the 15-year recapture period expires, the loan is forgiven.