

HOMEOWNER'S REPAIR PROGRAM

The **Homeowner's Repair Program** is intended to offer Yuutu?it?ath citizens funding of up to **\$5000** to cover the costs of the repairs and maintenance of their primary residences.

The number of grants allocated each year will vary depending on annual budget allocations. Every property, regardless of the owner's eligibility, is only able to receive the grant once every five years. Successful applicants are required to sign a *Home Repair Grant Agreement* which reiterates the details of the grant and its terms and conditions.

The Yuutu?it?ath Government will invite applications for these grants as funds are made available. **Eligibility to apply, backdated to January 1, 2024.**

To be eligible for this grant, the applicant must:

- be a Yuutu?it?ath citizen.
- be over the age of 19.
- not have received the grant in the past five years.
- not be in debt to the Yuutu?it?ath Government (this includes the spouses of applicants and any individuals holding joint title with the applicant).
- be the legal and beneficial owner of the eligible property.
- use the eligible property as their primary residence.

For the property to be eligible it must be a:

- a single-family home, side-by-side home, townhouse, condominium, multi-unit,
- or a manufactured home, built under CSA A-277 and Z-240 standards.

To apply for this grant, citizens must submit an application, completed in full, to the Assets Department. There are no deadlines for applications, as grants are to be awarded year-round as need or opportunity arises.

Applications will be assessed based on:

- the completeness and accuracy of the applicant's information.
- the purpose and amount requested in the application.
- available funding.
- whether the applicant or their spouse have previously been awarded this grant and if so when.

Applicants will be informed within two weeks if they have been approved to receive this grant. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified.

Once applications have been approved by the Assets Department, funds will be delivered to either the:

- contractor, given that they provide an invoice that specifies the repairs made on the eligible property, or
- successful applicant, given that they provide support for work and/or material purchased and proof of payment thereof.

The delivered funds will be the lesser of \$5000, or the invoiced amount/proof of payment. Any funds found to have been used inappropriately may be subject to limitations, and the applicants may be subject to repay the grant amount to the Yuułu?if?atḥ Government.

For further support or any other questions, please contact the Assets Department.

Step-by-Step Application Guide

- 1. Fill out the Homeowner's Repair Program Application.**
 - The application is accessible through the Yuułu?if?atḥ Government website. You may also request the application by contacting the Assets Department.
 - This application will require information about the applicant, the proposed property and a project description outlining projected plans, anticipated costs and supporting documentation.
- 2. Submit the completed application to the Assets Department.**
- 3. Wait up to two weeks to hear back from the Yuułu?if?atḥ Government on the status of your application.**
 - All applicants will be notified regardless of if they are receiving the grant or not.
- 4. If notified that your application was successful, you must sign the Home Repair Grant Agreement. Note that the agreement to be signed differs depending on if you are the sole owner of the property or if it is jointly owned. Please ensure you are signing the correct agreement.**
- 5. Once the agreement has been signed, provide (or have the contractor provide) invoices/proof of payments of the work done to the authorized property. Please also provide the payment information for the receiving entity.**
- 6. Wait for the Yuułu?if?atḥ Government to deliver the funds.**

Home Repair Resource Guide

Home maintenance is a crucial aspect of responsible homeownership, ensuring your property remains a safe, comfortable, and valuable place to live. By dedicating time and effort to regular upkeep, you can protect your home and enjoy a well-functioning and aesthetically appealing living space. Embrace the role of a responsible homeowner, and your home can continue to be a source of pride and satisfaction for years to come. Here are some helpful resources on home maintenance:

www.bhg.com/home-improvement/advice/home-maintenance-checklist/

This intensive checklist breaks down the home maintenance tasks most beneficial to preserve and sustain your home. This list is broken down by season, informing you on the most common and needed home repair tasks in the spring, summer, autumn, and winter.

www.familyhandyman.com/article/a-first-time-buyers-guide-to-home-maintenance/

This guide for first time homeowners outlines all the repair and maintenance tasks that should be done immediately upon purchasing a new home, and regularly throughout the duration of your home ownership. Utilizing this guide to repair small home maintenance tasks will help in preventing larger, more costly repairs down the road.

www.rona.ca/en/workshop/tips/home-maintenance-checklist

This home repair and maintenance checklist breaks down the home repair duties that should be completed monthly and quarterly. This list also links to an online storefront for items that may be needed to complete the home repair tasks at hand.

community.thriveglobal.com/the-importance-of-maintaining-for-your-home/

This article breaks down why it is important to maintain your home. Some of the reasons included in this article are the cost-efficiency of small home repairs, maintaining the value of your home, and ways in which a well-maintained home can generally improve one's living experience.

www.build-review.com/how-to-properly-maintain-your-home-and-why-its-important/

This article offers insight into why one may want to keep their home secured and well-maintained. It provides advice that someone might not consider if they have never owned a home before.