

RESOLUTION NO. G-1256

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A REHABILITATION REBATE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF NEWTON, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Commission to provide a rebate for those who qualify to help lessen the financial burdens to those embarking on weatherization efforts on their property;

WHEREAS, the City has been a partner in these efforts in prior years and is now support such efforts directly;

WHEREAS, the City has identified the need to provide funds to low-income owners to repair and rehabilitate their homes in its Comprehensive Housing Strategic Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWTON, KANSAS, that a Rehabilitation Rebate Program (the "Program") is hereby reestablished which shall operate in the following manner, to wit:

1. **Eligibility.** Persons eligible to participate in the Program are those who are residents of Newton and who reside in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program area with precedence going to those applications on Main, Broadway and 1st Street, those in a home listed as historic on the National, State or Local Registers, those with demonstrated economic need, senior citizens over 65, and or 1st-time homebuyers.
2. **Funding.** The Program is solely funded by the governing body. Once the funds in the Program have been exhausted, no further applications will be approved, and the Program will end. It is at the discretion of the Governing Body to continue to fund the Program after or prior to the exhaustion of the original funds. The Governing Body may amend or discontinue the Program at any time regardless of any available funding. The City Commission hereby appropriates the following funding in furtherance of the Program:
 - (a) \$50,000.00 designated for residents who meet the eligibility requirements.
 - (b) Additional funding to be set aside from other programs as opportunity allows.
3. **Application and Deadline.** The Office of Revitalization and Preservation is hereby authorized to create and distribute an application for the Program that is consistent with the terms of this Resolution (the "Rehabilitation Rebate Program Application.") In order to participate in the Program, the resident must submit a complete Rehabilitation Rebate Program Application to the Office of Revitalization and Preservation on or by the applicable deadline as follows:

- (a) For persons claiming funding:
 - a. Work must be completed, and receipts provided showing total cost of materials
 - b. Rebate may be only for 50% of cost of materials up to \$1,000, no labor is included.
 - c. Only painting and guttering materials are applicable.
 - d. All applications must be submitted by December 31, 2022 or until funds are exhausted.

4. Program Benefits. Program benefits for eligible residents are as follows:

- (a) Each resident that is approved for the program under the requirements will be eligible for a rebate up to 50% of the cost of materials or \$1,000 (whichever is less) for paint or guttering.
- (b) If a waiting list is created, applicants will be awarded based on their scoring of the following: Owner Occupied, Historic Home, On Main Arterial, Low-Income, 1st Time Homeowner, Senior Citizen.


5. Program Requirements. In order to receive the designated program benefits, the following requirements must be satisfied:

- (a) The applicant must be a resident of Newton and be within the Neighborhood Revitalization Program area.
- (b) The applicant must complete the approved work (guttering or painting) and present receipts to the City.

6. Administrative Authority. The City Manager is hereby authorized with the discretion to amend this program and effectuate any actions to fulfill the general intent of this Resolution.

7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the City Commission of the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of August, 2021.


Richard E. Stinnett, Mayor

ATTEST:


Denise R. Duerksen, City Clerk