



# FREE HOME REPAIRS

**Rebuilding Together Baltimore x Govans**

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be located in Pen Lucy, Wilson Park, Richnor Springs, Winston-Govans, Woodbourne McCabe, Mid Govans.
- Be owner-occupied, meaning that the homeowner must currently live in the home and own their home (outright or have a mortgage).
- Meet our income requirements (please see chart below).
- Must be a senior over the age of 60.

Household Size (Includes Children)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maximum Annual Income	\$36,800	\$42,500	\$47,300	\$52,550	\$56,800	\$61,000	\$65,200



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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What is Rebuilding Together Baltimore?

**A:** Rebuilding Together Baltimore is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1989. We provide home repairs to low income homeowners who are seniors, people with disabilities, and families with children in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. All repairs are provided at no charge to the homeowners. We have assisted over 1,600 homeowners since we were founded.

**Q:** How do you provide the repairs for free?

**A:** We receive generous financial support from the corporate community as well as the government and local foundations. We use this money to pay contractors and purchase the materials needed for the repairs that we do. Volunteers do many of the repairs, saving us thousands of dollars in labor costs. For the safety of all homeowners and volunteers, volunteer work is currently on hold due to COVID restrictions.

**Q:** When are the repairs done?

**A:** Repairs are completed by contractors throughout the year. If volunteers are slated to do some of the repairs on the home, the volunteer projects usually take place in the Spring and Summer.

**Q:** That sounds a lot like “Christmas in April”. What ever happened to that program?

**A:** Rebuilding Together is the same as Christmas in April. We changed our name in 2000.

**Q:** What kind of repairs do you do?

**A:** Repairs are prioritized based on the 8 principles of Healthy Housing: 1. Keep it DRY 2. Keep it CLEAN 3. Keep it PEST-FREE 4. Keep it SAFE 5. Keep it CONTAMINANT-FREE 6. Keep it WELL VENTILATED 7. Keep it MAINTAINED 8. Keep it THERMALLY CONTROLLED. Repairs can include roof repair, energy efficiency improvements, repair of safety hazards, and fall/injury prevention interventions for seniors and people with disabilities. We can do many different types of repairs. What we do depends on the condition of the home, the availability of funding and the skills of our volunteers.

**Q:** What does the initial application process look like?

**A:** In short, we ask you to complete an application form, agree to our guidelines, and provide us with documentation showing you meet our income guidelines. If you meet our basic criteria, our staff will visit your home to assess repair needs and determine if the repair needs are within our capacity to address.

**Q:** Is this like the TV show, “Extreme Makeover”?

**A:** No. We can’t rehabilitate or build an entire house like they do on TV. We target repairs that will make the home warmer, safer, and drier, and help to revitalize the community. The home will be more comfortable and safer to live in, and will probably look nicer, but it won’t be a complete makeover.

**Q:** Is everyone who applies guaranteed to get help?

**A:** Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that everyone who applies will be accepted into the program. We have limited resources and must prioritize homes based on need as well as the skills and abilities of our volunteers.

**Q:** What do you expect from homeowners if their home is selected?

**A:** If a home is selected for work, we ask that the homeowner works with staff and volunteers to prioritize and plan the repairs. We also ask that any able-bodied residents of the home, or relatives who live in the area, be present to help volunteers with the repairs

