Help-A-HouseSM Program 2023-2024

List of Required Documents



Please submit all the following documents for Help-A-House consideration.

Application

■ Help-A-House application, completed and signed by all owners of record.

Proof of Ownership

■ Copy of your Warranty Deed

NOTE: if you cannot find it, don't worry!

Go to the Recorder's Office located on the Elkhart County Administration Building 117 N. 2nd St #205 in Goshen

(Expect to pay about \$1 per page.

Most deeds are one or two pages.)

Proof of Income

NOTE: We need to see household income. As you review this list, gather these documents for each household member over the age of 18 living at your house.

- Most recent Tax Returns including W2s. If you are self-employed, include all schedules.
- 4 paystubs (consecutive most recent of all house members over the age of 18 holding a job)

If applicable, for every household member regardless of age who receives the following:

- Current Year Social Security Award Letter
- Current Year Pension Statement
- Child/Alimony Support info for the last 12 months

Proof of Homeowner's Insurance

■ Copy of Current Homeowner's Insurance.

If your lender takes care of paying your insurance, please contact your agent provider and request a copy of the *Declaration Page*

<u>Proof of Bank / Investments Activity</u>

- Most recent monthly Bank Statements <u>OR</u> printout from bank (stamped and signed by Teller)
- Most recent Quarterly Statements from your 401k or any other investment you have.

Proof of Mortgage

If you have a mortgage and/or home equity line of credit, please submit:

- Most recent Mortgage Statement, showing your total monthly payment
- Most recent Home Equity Line of Credit Statement showing your total monthly payment

Please note that Help-A-House program IS NOT designed to tackle Emergency Repairs

Approval is subject to verification of income, availability of funds, and rehab/repair alignment with City of Goshen priority list. This is a competitive program, first come, first served.

All Help-A-House projects are completed within 6 months following approval, if funded.

The process requires a Credit Report check and Title Search. No liens other than a home mortgage loan against the property are allowed.

If applicant has filed for Bankruptcy in the past 2 years, copy of Discharge Letter and all Schedules are required.

Application through Help-a-House could be limited, postponed, or denied if applicant has previously received assistance from The City, whether from its forgivable or deferred program.