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Note: This handout is for informational use only and is not to be substituted for any Shoreline Codes or Ordinances.

HOME REPAIR PROGRAMS

Minor Home Repair

620 S. Spokane Street Seattle, WA 98134

Telephone: (206) 448-5751 (206) 448-5025 (TTY)

City homeowners of all ages can qualify for a variety of repairs based on income and family size. Materials are provided at cost and there is a small charge for labor. Estimates are free and arrangements can be made.

Repairs for a safe and healthy home can be made to the primary house structure only and include:

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Carpentry
- · Special aids for disabled access

To be eligible for the program, you must:

- · Be a homeowner
- · Live within the Shoreline city limits
- Have a monthly income of \$3,475 or less for a single person or \$3,975 for a couple.
 Disabled renters may be eligible for disability access modification with the consent of the landlord.

King County Housing Repair

King County Housing and Community Development 401 5th Ave, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104

206-263-9032 206-296-0229 (FAX)

TTY Relay: 711

King County Housing Repair Programs provide 0% interest loans, and grants, to help County residents keep their properties in good repair. Homeowners can make improvements needed to keep their homes safe, energy efficient, and comfortable. Landlords can receive free financing to make rental units accessible for handicapped tenants. The purpose of the programs is to benefit low and moderate income homeowners, help preserve existing housing throughout King County and keep our neighborhoods livable. All of the programs are for properties outside Seattle.

No Interest Deferred Payment Loans

The Deferred Payment Loan Program can help you fix up your home. If your home needs a new roof, the furnace is old and failing, the lights flicker, the pipes leak or you need a new septic system, this is the loan for you. If you are a low or moderate income homeowner outside Seattle, you may qualify. The Deferred Payment Loan provides up to \$25,000 at 0% interest, and you make no monthly payments. Gross annual income for all family members must be less than 80% of median.

- Maximum County Loan \$25,000
- · 0% interest
- No monthly payments
- Repaid at the time the home is sold or title transferred or when the home is no longer your primary residence

Matching Funds Program

King County provides one half of the funds and the homeowner MATCHES the funding with a loan from a local lender or private funds. Repair costs exceeding \$50,000 will be the total responsibility of the homeowner. Homeowners must have incomes no greater than 80% of median income for federal programs.

- Maximum County Loan \$25,000
- 0% interest
- No monthly payments
- Repaid at the time the home is sold or title transferred or, the home is no longer the primary residence

Grants

King County offers two grants for very low income homeowners. One is for emergency repairs and one is for repairs to mobile homes on rented land. Unlike loans, grants do not need to be repaid. If your gross family income is less than 50% of median, you may qualify. These grants are for King County homeowners outside Seattle and may not be available in all areas. Asset limits apply.

Emergency Grants

- Maximum emergency grant amount \$3,000
- Available for urgent or life threatening repair needs in owner-occupied homes
- Outside Seattle city limits

Mobile Home Grants

- Maximum grant amount \$5,000
- Available for mobile homes on rented land
- Outside Seattle city limits

Home Accessibility Modification (H.A.M.) Program

The King County Home Accessibility Modification program provides free financial assistance for low and moderate income tenants to make necessary modifications to their rental units. The Fair Housing Act requires that a landlord must "permit at the expense of the handicapped person, reasonable modifications of existing premises occupied or to be occupied by such person if such modifications may be necessary to afford such person full enjoyment of the premises..." The landlord may benefit by having the property included in the Easter Seal Society database of accessible rental units. When the unit becomes available the landlord can contact the Easter Seal Society and have an additional marketing tool for locating another tenant.

For more information call the Housing Repair Hotline: (206) 263-9095.

Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center

18560 1st Ave. NE #1 Shoreline, WA 98155

Center Director: Bob Lohmeyer

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Evening and weekend events do occur.

Telephone: (206) 365-1536

Fax: (206) 364-8930

Email: shorelinesc@seniorservices.org

Overview:

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center provides a wide range of activities and services for seniors 50 and over. The center is an affiliate of Senior Services, which is supported in part through funds from United Way.