



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting - Final**

June 15, 2023

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**B. COW2023-024** Rebuilding Together Atlanta Presentation



## Senior Owner-Occupied Home Repair Program

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## About Rebuilding Together Atlanta



**Mission:** *Repairing Home, Revitalizing Communities and Rebuilding Lives*



Nonprofit 501c3.  
Since 1992 in Atlanta metro area.



Part of a national affiliate network. Rebuilding Together Atlanta is one of nearly 200 affiliates in 40 states.



Partner with local communities, neighborhoods, community leaders, corporate partners and volunteers to make essential and critical repairs to help vulnerable neighbors stay in their homes.

Repairs are provided at no cost to homeowners.



The work often extends beyond each individual home to work closely with community residents and leaders to improve the health and safety of the communities where homeowners live, work and play.

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## About Rebuilding Together Atlanta

- ▶ Holistic and person-centered approach to home repairs and community revitalization. Partner with homeowner and community to develop a plan.
- ▶ RTA Home Repairs are based on the **8 principles of Healthy Homes** developed by the National Center for Healthy Housing and endorsed by HUD. Those 8 Keep it dry, Clean, Pest-free, Safe, Contaminant free, Well ventilated, Maintained and Thermally Controlled.
- ▶ 25 point Home Health and Safety Checklist- identify significant health and safety hazards with homes, prioritize repairs, provide a holistic, comprehensive, and detailed scope of work and focus home repairs on results.
- ▶ Repairs are focused on the connection between health and housing while preserving the existing affordable housing landscape.
- ▶ Trusting relationship with homeowners.

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## About Rebuilding Together Atlanta

- ▶ In 2022- Partnered with organizations, businesses, and corporations to complete more than **59 home and community revitalization projects** across the Atlanta metropolitan area. Serving more than **600 people**. Over **200 home hazards** were eliminated. More than **500 Volunteers** donated over **3000 hours of service**
- ▶ National Study (including RTA) about the impact of home repairs
  - 7 in 10 people who received repairs reported low or no chance of falling
  - 2/3 of neighbors who reported their health improved after the repairs were completed
  - 9 in 10 of neighbors felt less stress about home repairs and maintenance
  - 9 in 10 of neighbors who received repairs now plan to age in place
  - 3 in 5 neighbors who received repairs say their homes are more valuable as an asset

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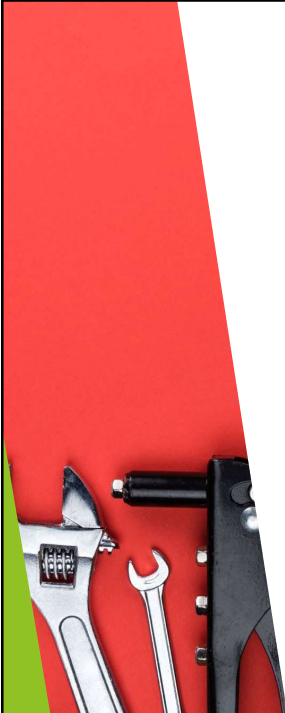


## City of Smyrna Home Repair Program

**Up to \$10,000 in repairs per home**

- ▶ Extremely Low Income (XLI) or Very Low Income (VLI) as defined by HUD
- ▶ Age 62+ and/or disabled
- ▶ Lived in the home as the principal residence for a minimum of two (2) years (legacy residents)
- ▶ Property must be an owner-occupied home
- ▶ Property shall be a single-family residence (includes townhomes and condominiums)
- ▶ Repairs must be focused on the improving the health and safety of the home for the homeowner

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## City of Smyrna Home Repair Program

**Home Repairs-** caused by deferred maintenance and lack of other financial resources:

1. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning system repair or replacement;
2. Exterior doors and window replacements, insulation;
3. Electrical rewiring, including breakers, receptacles, GFCI, switches and plates;
4. Roofing shingles and deck replacement, soffits, fascia, boots and caps, including gutters;
5. Plumbing-sewer line repair- or replacement. Bath or kitchen appliance replacements (when necessary);
6. Accessibility improvements to accommodate disabled persons and/or make medical accommodations;
7. Other items, as determined by City of Smyrna staff.

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## City of Smyrna Home Repair Program

**5 Homes**

**Average Age-** 70

**# of years living in home-** 25 years

**Household Income-** 4 Extremely Low Income, 1 Very Low Income

**Female Head of Household-** 3

**Total Residents Served-** 8 (3 Females, 5 Males)

**Race/Ethnicity-** 100% African American/Black

**Disability-** 2 Homeowners (physical)

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## City of Smyrna Home Repair Program

**Where in Smyrna**

2570 Davenport Street, 30080  
 2103 Spoon Court SE, 30080  
 3244 Hampton Court SE 30082  
 1024 Huntington Trace SE 30082  
 1022 Huntington Trace SE 30082

**Funding-**

CDBG Grants for Repairs=\$41,645.00  
 Matching Funds for Repairs(cash, in kind, volunteer skilled labor)=\$21,300.00  
 Project Value(all project expenses)= \$90,000  
 Volunteer Hours-230 hours from 50 volunteers



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## City of Smyrna Home Repair Program

**Home Hazards Eliminated- 27 and counting**  
**Repairs Made (*Health/Safety*)**

- ▶ New Furnace
- ▶ Chair Lift (*accessibility*)
- ▶ Roof Replacement
- ▶ Removed worn carpet (*accessibility*)
- ▶ Install hard plank vinyl flooring (*accessibility*)
- ▶ Install ADA handrails (*accessibility*)
- ▶ Install Gutters
- ▶ Repair Fascia/Soffit
- ▶ Install ADA ramp at front entrance (*accessibility*)
- ▶ Bathroom modifications (ADA shower, Grab Bars)
- ▶ Replace kitchen exhaust fan to outside

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**Mr. Ken**

**Military Disabled Veteran. 25 years in home. Worked at USPS until he had a stroke, lost his job. Affected his income. Lost mobility and independence. Stopped by City Hall.**

**Described leaving the home “as scary”. In home, trip hazards and no ability to shower.**

**Accessibility modifications -removed old carpet, installed handrails, installed hard plank flooring, ADA ramp/handrail on front of home, bathroom modifications/ADA shower**

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## Corporate Partners



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## How you can help-

- 1) Refer Homeowners in need (*senior/disability, low income*)
- 2) Attend a Build event; meet the homeowners (*This Friday*)
- 3) Skilled contractors to partner with
- 4) Businesses to support our mission

**Learn More-** [www.RebuildingTogether-Atlanta.org](http://www.RebuildingTogether-Atlanta.org)

**Apply-** [www.rebuildingtogether-atlanta.org/homeowners/city-of-smyrna-home-repair-program](http://www.rebuildingtogether-atlanta.org/homeowners/city-of-smyrna-home-repair-program)

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