

Repair Loans and Grants Section 504 - Single Family Housing

Purpose: Low interest home improvement loans and grants, designed for very low-income individuals (50 percent or less of county median income). Funds can be used for making repairs, installing essential features or to remove health and safety hazards. Funding is based upon annual appropriations. The maximum loan limit at one time is \$20,000. The lifetime grant maximum is \$7,500.

Eligibility: Must be a rural resident or living in a town with a population of up to 10,000 (selected communities with populations of 10,000 - 20,000 are also eligible) and be within the designated income levels. In order to be grant eligible, the applicant must be at least 62 years old and be unable to repay a loan.

Fund Availability and Maximum Loan Amounts:

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Loans: Maximum term of 20 years.

Terms: Grants require a three year grant agreement.

Interest Rate: Interest rate is one percent A.P.R. on loans.

Credit Requirements: Reasonable credit history.

Collateral: Mortgage is required on loans of \$7,500 or more.

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