

Garden Homes Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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Dear Residential Property Owner of the Garden Homes Neighborhood,

Re: Home repair grants available

If you are planning to make renovations or repairs on your residential property during 2026-early 2027, additional free cash for your project can really come in handy.

The "free cash" is offered through the **Home Repair Rebate Project**, a project of the Garden Homes Neighborhood Association, Inc. This project benefits owners of residential properties located from W. Hampton Avenue to W. Roosevelt Drive, N. Teutonia Avenue to N. 27th Street, Milwaukee, WI. Boundaries for north-south streets are from the 4300 block through the 4700 block.

Residential Property owners in the Garden Homes Neighborhood are eligible to receive a matching grant up to \$1,500 for appropriate home repairs. Awardees will be selected for grants until the \$12,000 rebate project fund amount is exhausted. Rebates will be based on what you told us as the cost of your estimate.

Please review the project's guidelines which are listed on the back of this letter. We must receive your application by **June 20, 2026**. We will notify all applicants of the GHNAI Housing Committee's decisions by July 15, 2026.

In our endeavor to support and connect neighborhood property owners with the resources to help make Garden Homes a beautiful place to live, the association was fortunate to receive a grant from the Historic Garden Homes Neighborhood Improvement District 6 – your tax dollars at work – for the Home Repair Rebate Project.

Thank you for all you will do to improve your home or residential property and uplift the Garden Homes Neighborhood.

With best regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Joe Bova". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joe Bova
GHNAI Housing Committee

THE GARDEN HOMES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. HOME REPAIR REBATE PROJECT
GUIDELINES

Home Repair Rebate Project Overview:

Five residential property owners in the Garden Homes Neighborhood are eligible to receive a matching grant up to \$1,500.00 for appropriate home repairs. This grant amount is available for up to two (2) owners of two-family properties, and one (1) multi-family property owner.

Eligibility:

Where: Northern-W Cornell St to Southern- W Roosevelt Dr.; Eastern-N Teutonia Ave to Western-N 27th St., from the 4300 block through the 4700 block.

Types of Repairs:

The grant is meant for mostly exterior and some essential interior home improvements, including: structural, mechanical, electrical, energy efficiency, water conservation, curb appeal, code compliance, and safety.

Financial Contribution: The grant can be matched up to \$1,500 or half of the estimated amount when the estimate is under \$3,000. Example #1: An applicant with a repair project has an estimated cost of \$5,000. If approved, the grant award would be for the maximum amount of \$1,500. Example #2: An applicant with a repair project has an estimated cost of \$1,200. If approved, the grant award would be for half of the estimated cost, which would be \$600.

The homeowner's portion can be in the form of check, money order, cashier's check, loan from financial institution, another grant program or any combination of these funds. There are no income limits on those who are eligible to use the rebate.

Exclusions:

- Have been a Garden Homes Neighborhood Association, Inc. grant recipient in 2025, 2024 or 2023
- Have not owned the property for at least one year to have paid into the NID #6 fund
- Delinquent on property taxes

Implementation: The homeowner must contract with an eligible contractor who is licensed to work in the City of Milwaukee. Once the project is complete:

1. The homeowner can pay the contractor and provide proof of payment for reimbursement; or,
2. The NID program can pay the grant amount to the contractor directly

Grant Decisions: The applications are reviewed by the GHNAI Housing Committee which will keep the applicant identity anonymous until the application process has been completed.

Other Limitations: Grant applications related to properties that are involved in litigation, not paying a NID assessment, or in condemnation or receivership, will not be considered. If code violations exist, the proposed project must resolve those code violations. This grant information is not a legal contract between NID #6, GHNAI, and any other party.