

# Newburgh Neighbors Residential Grant Program

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The Town of Newburgh's Historic Preservation Commission and Historic Newburgh Inc. recognize that the downtown commercial area is strengthened by having healthy and vibrant neighborhoods nearby. Restoring and rehabilitating the neighborhoods within the Newburgh Historic Districts is an important part of making our community more livable. So, in a joint effort between the Newburgh Historic Preservation Commission and Historic Newburgh Inc., the Newburgh Neighbors was created.

The Newburgh Neighbors Residential Grant Program will assist property owners in restoring and rehabilitating homes within the Newburgh Historic Districts. Grants are limited to exterior preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation of homes. Examples of work that would qualify include painting a house, repairing wooden windows, rebuilding a porch, repairing wood clapboard siding, and repairing or replacing doors. Grant funding is limited to owner-occupied residences and there is a \$2,500.00 grant fund maximum.

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## Program Criteria:

- Repairs that are structural in nature are generally not eligible for grant funding, but will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

- Owner must secure all permits and a Certificate of Appropriateness prior to the start of work. Newburgh Neighbors can assist in this process if needed.
- Owner will agree to sign an agreement, which contains a reimbursement requirement in the event that the property is sold within one year of completion of the project.
- One hundred percent payment of the approved grant amount will be disbursed only when the project is completed and approved, and receipts for work are received and approved by the Newburgh Historic Preservation Commission Administrator.

All applications must thoroughly describe the project and should include supplementary materials such as drawings, specifications, photographs showing where work will be done, historic photos (if available), budgets, and schedule. Each application will be evaluated on its own merits and how it fits into the goals of the program. Newburgh Historic Preservation Commission will review all applications and make recommendations for funding to Historic Newburgh Inc. who will then grant funding approval. Newburgh Neighbors can assist with this process if needed.

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