

Social Development

The program is funded by a cost sharing arrangement between the Government of Canada and the Province of New Brunswick.

What is the Federal/Provincial Repair Program?

This program is offered by the Department of Social Development to provide financial assistance for:

- Low income homeowners occupying existing substandard housing to repair, rehabilitate or improve their dwellings to a minimum level of health and safety;
- Modifications to low income homeowner and rental units to improve the accessibility of the dwelling for occupants with disabilities;
- Adaptations for low income seniors who have difficulty with daily living activities in the home; and/or
- Assistance for limited modifications to eligible households to accommodate an aging parent.

Who qualifies?

- Households whose income is below the standard established “housing income limits”, which vary by household size and geographical areas within the province.

Other conditions:

- You must own the home and live in it;
- Your home must require major repairs or lack basic facilities;
- Modifications required for people with disabilities must be housing related and/or provide access to permanently installed, basic facilities within the dwelling; and
- Adaptions for seniors must facilitate and prolong independent living (i.e. using the kitchen, navigating hallways).

How does it work?

- For homeowners in need of major repairs and/or disabled accessible modifications assistance is in the form of a loan, a portion of which may not have to be repaid. The maximum forgivable loan per housing unit is \$10,000 for regular repairs and \$10,000 for disabled accessible items. The amount of the forgivable loan is based upon a sliding income scale and the amount of required repairs. The loan amount is at the provincial borrowing interest rate and can be repaid over a period of up to 15 years.
- Homeowner households may be eligible for a forgivable loan for both disabled accessible modifications and other major repair items (i.e. structural, electrical) to a maximum of \$20,000.
- Seniors are eligible for a forgivable loan for minor adaptations to facilitate independent living to a maximum of \$5,000.
- Landlords are eligible for a forgivable loan for disabled modifications to a maximum of \$10,000.



Do you have any questions?

If you have any questions about the Federal/Provincial Repair Program, contact your regional office of the Department of Social Development.

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