

GOOD NEIGHBOR HOME OWNERSHIP START-UP PROGRAM

A. PROGRAM GOAL

The goal of the Home Ownership Start-up Program is to ease the cost burden of transitioning from tenancy to home ownership.

B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The applicant must purchase residence home located in the City of Auburn to use as their primary residence and must use one of the City's homebuyer programs to assist in the financing of this purchase. .
2. The property may not be used for religious purposes or be publicly owned.
3. The property must be a year-round, 1-4 unit residential building.
4. The applicant owns no other property.
5. The applicant does not owe taxes or fees to the city of Auburn at the time of application.

C. GRANT CATEGORIES AND TERMS

1. A grant requires no repayment.
2. The maximum grant amount is \$500 or eligible items with an additional \$500 for the purchase of stove, refrigerator, lawn mower. The maximum grant is \$1,000.
3. Household income must be below 80% of median income.

D. ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Eligible expenses include the following verifiable start-up costs:

1. Connection to utilities;
2. Paint and minor repairs for projects where there will be no rehabilitation;
3. Refrigerator or stove;
4. Landscaping;
5. Curtains;

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6. Mailbox;
7. Pest control;
8. Moving costs;
9. Cleaning supplies;
10. Rental of equipment;
11. Lawnmower; and

E. APPLICATION PROCESS

Initial Application -- The request for Good Neighbor Funds is considered the date of the application for the City's homebuyer programs. Loans will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

F. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Administration of this program shall be in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. No person shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under this program.