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City of Edmonton

HOPE for homeowners needing help with winter maintenance

For some Edmontonians, the onset of cooler weather means cozy sweaters. But for others, it means rising utility bills from delayed home maintenance they can't afford.

The City of Edmonton's Housing Opportunities Program for Edmonton (HCPE) provides grants of up to \$20,000 for eligible homeowners. Money can be used for improvements to plumbing, heating, electrical, structural, fire safety, disability modifications and energy efficiency. Applicants may also receive an additional \$2,000 for energy-efficient modifications.



"It's a priority for us to help homeowners who need to fix up their properties, especially with winter coming," said Judy Downey, housing general supervisor at the City of Edmonton. "Our HOPE clients come from all walks of life -- everyone from single parents to seniors. Safe housing for everyone is vital, and we encourage all eligible Edmontonians to apply."

Residents of Alberta Avenue, Boyle Street, Central McDougall, Eastwood, McCauley, or Queen Mary Park may also be considered for up to \$1,000 for exterior home improvements through the Curb Appeal grant program.

HOPE began as a pilot program in priority neighbourhoods to help support community revitalization initiatives. Due the success of the pilot program, the program expanded in January 2014 to include all neighbourhoods within Edmonton. HOPE is part of Cornerstones, the City of Edmonton's plan for affordable housing. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2014.

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