

ORDINANCE NO. 371-2022
Department of Community Development
Neighborhood Services – Paint Program
Executive Summary

Ordinance Amount: General Fund

2020 – \$522,732

2021 – \$522,732

2022 – \$522,580

Purpose:

The Department is entering the 3rd year of the renewed Paint Program. In 2019, the City re-established an Exterior Paint Program that provided up to \$1,500 in painting supplies to Cleveland residents to paint their own homes.

There is a desire to expand the program to enable the Department to provide labor, in limited circumstances, to expand the program beyond able bodied residents who can paint their own home.

Therefore, the Department is requesting to :

1. include labor and painting contractors as an eligible cost under the program;
2. to provide a method of procurement of labor;
3. ensure that pre-encumbered general funds from 2020 through 2022 are authorized to be expended; and
4. any other authorizations required.

Program Description: • This Paint Program provides a valuable incentive to homeowners and tenants to maintain the exterior of their home and aid in reducing lead based paint hazards. To be eligible, an applicant must be a City resident and live in a one or two family structure that is being painted, and be of either low or moderate income.

Citywide Exterior Paint Program

Program provides paint and supplies up to \$1,500.00, via voucher to an approved applicant to redeem with an approved paint vendor that serves that area.

- An applicant/structure is eligible every five years.
- The Paint Program provides grants of up to \$1500 for reimbursement of exterior paint and paint supplies for owner occupants and up to \$750 for tenants. The grant will not exceed the cost of the exterior paint and supplies.
- The entire property must be painted to qualify for the reimbursement. Lead regulations must be followed when houses are painted.
- To ensure compliance, a pre-inspection is conducted to verify that the property needs to be painted and that safe work practices will be followed. A certified Risk Assessor must do the final clearance exam.
- Final clearance as defined by the regulations is a visual clearance of the work site.
- The property must be occupied by an income eligible homeowner or tenant.
- Landlords that own more than 10 rental units are not eligible to participate in the Paint Program.
- Landlord cannot be a corporation, LLC (Limited Liability Company), LLP (Limited Liability Partnership), LP (Limited Partnership), General Partnership, Professional Corporation, DBA (Doing Business As) or any other type of business.
- Applicant: If the owner resides at the property, he or she must be the applicant and meet the income guidelines.
- Applicants should send their application to the City of Cleveland, Department of Community Development, Division of Neighborhood Services.

Referral Exterior Paint Program

Program provides paint, supplies and labor up to \$10,000.00 in a grant, to paint the entire structure.

- Complete 50 homes occupied and owned by an elderly or disabled applicant.
- One time assistance
- Program access is through a referral from the Healthy Homes Initiative via the Community Engagement Specialist.
- Paint contractors will be obtained through a RFP process through the City of Cleveland.
- Paint contractors must be EPA RRP certified.

Eligibility and Income Guidelines:

The Citywide program is available to income eligible homeowners and tenants. The Target Neighborhood Program property must be occupied and owned by an elderly or disabled applicant.

100% or less of Area Median Income

<u>Number in Household</u>	<u>Maximum Household Income</u>
1 person	\$ 51,600
2 persons	59,000
3 persons	66,350
4 persons	73,700

Collateral:

The Paint refund is a grant to the applicant. There is no collateral required.

- Vouchers will be issued to an approved applicant to obtain paint and paint supplies.

Paint Vendors:

- Any paint supplier who has a location within the City of Cleveland is eligible to apply to participate in the program.
- The paint supplier must attend a meeting in Community Development to review how the program operates and review the terms and conditions for working in the program.
- The paint supplier must be willing to accept a "Paint Voucher" from the applicant.
- The paint supplier must invoice the City of Cleveland once per month for all vouchers that have been received.
- The paint supplier must be willing to accept returns on paint and supplies that have not been used.

Training:

- Applicants are required to attend a Lead Safe Practices Training or become RRP certified as described in EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule.
- The Community Engagement Specialist will conduct property inspections for program compliance.
- RRP Training will be conducted by an approved trainer paid by the program.

Importance:

This program provides a valuable incentive to homeowners and tenants to maintain the exterior of their home and displays pride of ownership.