



## Office of Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

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### **MAPLE HEIGHTS EXTERIOR HOME REPAIR GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS 42 RESIDENTIAL GRANTS**

**MAPLE HEIGHTS-** The City of Maple Heights, with additional funding provided by both Cuyahoga County and the Cleveland Foundation, has awarded 42 residential grants to assist with the cost of homeowner exterior home projects.

Projects were awarded on a scoring matrix for economic eligibility; and will be completed by September 30, 2022. Eligible repair projects were required to be visible from the street; and included roofs, windows, doors, siding, painting, landscaping, front steps, and more.

The Grants were awarded for up to \$3,000.00 toward housing repairs, with either a 10%, 20%, or 30% match required from the homeowner depending on income eligibility.

“The Exterior Home Maintenance Grant program grew from the City’s desire to directly support residents, who share in the goal of responsible property stewardship. Qualifying residents interested in a repair project likely otherwise deferred, have been given another path toward maintaining dignified housing, addressing code violations, and lengthening the life span of their residence,” explained Joe Duffy, Planning and Development Director.

Mayor Annette Blackwell agrees. “The City of Maple Heights was happy to launch this important pilot program over summer, 2022. Much direct feedback was shared between City staff, residents, and contractors which will be used in evaluating the program’s effectiveness and in the consideration of how the City approaches direct residential services going forward,” Blackwell stated.

Questions about the Exterior Home Repair Grant Program should be directed to the Office of the Mayor, at (216) 587-9011.

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