

Selection Policy

Rebuilding Together Aurora (RTA) serves low-income homeowners by providing safe, warm, dry, and independent living conditions using evidenced based principles of healthy housing.

To be considered to receive services from RTA through the CDBG Safe at Home program, a homeowner must meet all of the following criteria:

1. The property must be owner occupied and the person's primary residence.
2. The property may not be fully rented. However, if the homeowner is collecting rental income for a portion of the home, this may be acceptable. Rental income must be considered as income, and evidence provided as part of the documentation requirements.
3. The income must be within the HUD Low-Income Standards (80% or lower than the median income level).
4. The homeowner is not able to do necessary repairs/modifications due to overwhelming cost burden or physical constraints such as disability.

An applicant must complete the Homeowner Application which includes, but is not limited to, a statement of the requested assistance, be interviewed by an RTA associate, and provide the following documentation that indicates:

1. Proof of ownership via Title, Warranty Deed or Property Tax bill.
2. Current income verification, including total household income of all persons living in the home:
 - a. Most recent 30 days of pay stubs (if applicable) for all persons;
 - b. Most recent filed tax return;
 - c. A copy of bank statement displaying public assistance, if applicable.
3. Evidence that the Homeowners insurance policy is in force.
4. Evidence that mortgage payments are current.
5. Evidence that property taxes are paid.
6. Verification of Disability Form completed and signed, if applicable

All information provided by the homeowner is confidential and will not be disclosed to persons outside the RTA organization.

Even though the criteria and documentation requirements may be met, RTA may determine that there are circumstances or conditions that warrant rejection of an application. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, criminal or illegal activities taking place at the home; safety concerns for volunteers that would work on the home; RTA not capable of providing the requested materials or services, etc. In such cases, the homeowner will be notified, in writing, informing them of the rejection of the application. Individuals who would otherwise not qualify for services but have an extraordinary circumstance can be considered for inclusion on a case-by-case basis.