



**CITY OF BUFFALO  
URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY**



**2025 HOUSING RESOURCE  
GUIDE**

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## Rental & Owner Housing Rehab

Funding is available to help address health & safety hazards to keep residents stably housed. Call 3-1-1 or check out the [Community Based Organization Lookup Tool](#).

### City of Buffalo Lead Grant Program

The City's Lead Hazard Reduction Grant provides up to \$20,000 per unit to eligible property owners within the City of Buffalo for repairs and lead-based paint hazard reduction.

### Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance Program

Funding up to \$10,000 is available to first-time home-buyers to assist in meeting closing costs and down payment expenses attributable to the purchase of a single-family home. Loan funds are provided at no interest as a conditional grant. No monthly or annual payments are required, but the amount provided must be repaid if the property is sold within the five-year regulatory period.

### Emergency Loan Assistance Program

Funds repairs of a verified emergency condition such as an inoperable furnace, faulty electrical service, broken hot water tank, or break in the main water or sewer line. Loan funds are provided at no interest and partial conditional grants are available for all eligible applicants. The amount to be repaid will be based on household income.

### Owner Occupied Home Repair Program

Funding from the City of Buffalo, NYS Housing and Community Renewal, and Affordable Housing Corporation is providing low-income homeowners with dollars to help with home repairs and make them more energy efficient.

### Roof Program

Funds are available for repair of a severely deteriorated roof where water infiltration into the habitable area has been verified.

### Target Focus Area Program

Funds for code-related repairs and lead-based paint hazard reduction are available to owner-occupant households who reside on Target streets. Loan funds are provided at no interest and partial conditional grants are available for all eligible applicants. The amount to be repaid will be based on household income.

### Vacant Rental Program (VRP)

This program is designed to help rental property owners transform vacant, uninhabitable units into safe, high-quality, and affordable long-term rental homes within the City of Buffalo.

### 50/50 Program

City of Buffalo's 50/50 Rehab Program offers income-eligible homeowners up to \$25,000 grants to fund 50% of their project cost in order to make needed home repairs.

### ADU Program

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program **Coming Soon!**

We're thrilled to announce that a new program will soon be available, offering up to \$125,000 for the construction of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)! ADUs are small, self-contained living spaces located on the same property as a main house, providing a flexible and affordable housing solution for family members or renters. This funding will be available to property owners within the City of Buffalo who's income falls below 100% AMI.



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### CONTACTS FOR BURA-FUNDED PROGRAMS

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Urban League**

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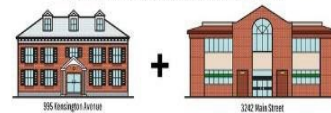
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# Vacant Rental Program (VRP)

The New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal



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## ► Eligibility

- ✓ Units must be within the City of Buffalo AND currently be vacant and unmarketable
- ✓ Eligible properties include vacant single-family homes, multi-family units, and mixed-use properties (for residential units only)
- ✓ Funding is for responsible, local, small-scale property owners and landlords
- ✓ Properties undergoing rehabilitation must adhere to income-based rent limits and remain affordable for at least 10 years
- ✓ Properties must contain five or fewer units
- ✓ Properties must be insured



- Receive up to \$75,000 towards hard and soft cost for a 60% AMI rental
- Receive up to \$50,000 towards hard and soft costs for a 80% AMI rental

Units repaired must be habitable by the end of project and rented to income eligible tenants

For more information visit BURA's website or call

- 🌐 [www.buffalourbanrenewal.com](http://www.buffalourbanrenewal.com)
- 📞 716-851-2872

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