

Residential Emergency Services to Offer (Home) Repairs to the Elderly (RESTORE)

RESTORE offers money to pay for emergency repairs to eliminate unsafe conditions in homes owned by the elderly when the repairs need to be completed quickly.

NeighborWorks® Home Resources has received the maximum award of \$50,000 to fund up to 15 emergency repairs for senior homeowners throughout Cattaraugus County.

The maximum amount spent at one house is \$5,000.

The household income limit to be eligible is 50% of median for Cattaraugus County. For example, a two person household can have a maximum gross household income of \$20,350.

At least one of the homeowners must be age 60 or older and must live in the house needing the emergency repair. Examples of expected repairs include fixing a leaking roof, repairing or replacing a broken heating system, repairing an electrical hazard, repairing an emergency plumbing problem.

If we determine that an applicant is eligible, our Construction Specialist will complete an initial home inspection within 3 days, and a participating contractor will begin the home repair within 7 days and complete the repair within 30 days.

After the final inspection by our Construction Specialist, RESTORE customers will sign a residency affidavit stating that if the house is sold to someone other than a low-income senior or is no longer the homeowner's primary residence, the customer will alert NeighborWorks® Home Resources and repay the full amount of the RESTORE funding.