



ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## COVID-19 Response Program: Rapid Repairs Program

Orange County Housing & Community Development (OCHCD) has funding available until December 30, 2020 for repairs for units that have failed a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection. Repairs will be arranged in partnership with Hope Renovations and local landlords to ensure that Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), and other voucher participants obtain quality and timely housing. Please see eligibility info and the process to apply below.

### **Eligibility**

The CARES Act requires that the payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) only be used to cover expenses that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

If a rental unit has failed a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection from March 1, 2020 - December 30 2020, the Rapid Repairs Program can cover repairs needed for the unit to pass inspection. OCHCD may partner with the landlord to split costs, or cover the costs of repairs or updates up to \$1000. Only renovation work that would enable the unit to meet HQS inspection standards is allowed. These repairs may include low-cost and minimal impact repairs and/or modifications, based on [HQS checklist](#) items, such as:

- Electrical fixture replacement or repair
- Stair, railing, and porch repair
- New, lead-free paint jobs
- Minimal plumbing repairs
- Minimal window or door replacement or repair

### **Process to obtain repairs**

1. Obtain documentation of failed HQS inspection and all available relevant evidence (e.g. photos of damages, copy of [inspection check sheet](#))
2. Complete the [Rapid Repairs Program request form](#) (paper form also available)
3. OCHCD staff will send approval/denial of request within 2 business days of submission.
  - a. If denied, a justification will be included. You may make edits and submit a new request.
  - b. If accepted, you will receive a response to confirm that the request is approved and next steps
4. Once accepted, Anna Patterson, Housing Access Coordinator, will make contact with the landlord using the contact information provided. OCHCD staff will send the landlord the Rapid Repairs agreement to sign to ensure the unit will be available to the voucher recipient after the repair is completed and the unit passes HQS inspection
5. OCHCD staff will schedule repairs to be completed by HOPE Renovations