

FAQs for North Vernon OOR (Owner Occupied Rehabilitation)

To help you understand more about the OOR program we have compiled some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). While this is not an exhaustive description of the program it answers typical questions we encounter.

Q: What types of home repairs are considered eligible activities?

A: Roof Repairs or Replacements, HVAC Repairs or Replacements, ADA modifications leading to the threshold of the home, select electrical upgrades and lighting features, and water heater replacement. Windows and paint jobs are NOT currently in scope for this program.

Q: Who is eligible for the North Vernon OOR Program?

A: Only homeowners within the city limits of North Vernon may apply for this program. Your total household income must fall below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) as listed below. Special consideration will be given to elderly (65+), disabled, veteran, or a single parent head of households.

FY 2024 Income Limits Summary

FY 2024 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income Click for More Detail	FY 2024 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Jennings County, IN	\$81,500	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) Click for More Detail	28,550	32,600	36,700	40,750	44,050	47,300	50,550	53,800
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* Click for More Detail	17,150	20,440	25,820	31,200	36,580	41,960	47,340	52,720
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) Click for More Detail	45,650	52,200	58,700	65,200	70,450	75,650	80,850	86,100

Q: What is the application timeline for the North Vernon OOR Program?

A: We need all citizen applications for the program to be submitted by 5pm on November 8th. The applications can be completed in person or online, both methods for submission are acceptable. Paper applications can be brought to City Hall. In late December 2024, the city will know whether or not it has been awarded funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). Homeowner applicants will be contacted by the end of February 2025 with updates on their application status. Construction is not expected to begin until Spring 2025.

Q: If included in the program, do I need to find a contractor, or do I get to choose the contractor?

A: No, the city will work with its grant administrator, Administrative Resources association, (ARa) to find contactors to complete all the work for each eligible activity and will manage the work in a way that meets the homeowner's schedule. You will not be responsible for searching for or managing any work performed by contractors. A final inspection will take place to ensure the quality of work, and all work will be warrantied for one year after the final inspection date.

Q: Who must go through income verification for this program?

A: If North Vernon is awarded funding, personnel from Administrative Resources association (ARa) will contact all applicants who have been selected for the program for income verification documents in late October. At that time, they will work through the income verification process with homeowners who wish to move forward with the application.

Q: Do I have to pay anything for this? How much can I get?

A: Homeowners do not have to pay anything for this program. The maximum amount a homeowner can receive for repairs on their home is \$25,000. There will not be a lien requirement for the 2024 North Vernon OOR Program.

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions?

A: Please contact us by email at info@aracities.org or by phone at 812-376-9949 if you have any questions. We will work to get back to you as soon as possible.