

Tell City Secures \$350,000 Grant for Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program

A Message from the Mayor



Welcome to the official Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR) program page for the City of Tell City. This page will serve as the primary source of information and updates regarding our OOR initiatives.

We are pleased to announce a significant achievement for our community: the receipt of a \$350,000 grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). This grant, awarded on December 19, 2024, by then, Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, represents a pivotal step forward for Tell City and its residents. This marks the first opportunity we have had to apply for such funding since 2017. We recognize the loss of Tony Pappano, whose dedication and expertise in grant writing were instrumental to past owner-occupied rehabilitation efforts, and this grant stands as a testament to his legacy.

Grant Details and Objectives

The Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation grant is specifically designated to provide essential financial assistance to eligible homeowners within the city limits of Tell City. The program will target low-to-moderate income families, enabling them to make critical repairs to their homes. These repairs are vital for enhancing the safety and overall quality of life for our residents.

Funding through the OOR program will cover a range of essential renovations, including:

- Roof repairs and replacements
- Accessibility enhancements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Heating and cooling system upgrades
- Electrical system upgrades
- Water heater installations

These targeted improvements will directly address some of our community's most pressing housing needs.



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Commitment to Community Development

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch highlighted the broader impact of these grant initiatives, stating, "Each of these grant programs will contribute to improving the lives of Hoosiers across our state." The Lieutenant Governor's emphasis underscores the Indiana state government's commitment to investing in the well-being of its residents by supporting community development.

A Collaborative Effort

The effective implementation of this rehabilitation program is made possible by the support and expertise of our partners at Indiana 15 Regional Plan Commission, who will be administering the grant. We extend our sincere gratitude for their collaboration, which will ensure the efficient deployment of these funds to the families who need them most. Additionally, the city expresses deep appreciation to the Indiana Office of Rural and Community Affairs for recognizing Tell City as a grant recipient.

Contact Information

For questions regarding the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation grant, please contact the Housing Administrator at Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission:

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We are committed to ensuring that this program is successful and that it significantly benefits the homeowners of Tell City. We will be hosting a public information session on February 11, 2025, at 5 p.m. at the William Tell Center located at 645 Main Street. We encourage eligible residents to attend the session or reach out to Jenny Matheis to learn more about the opportunities and requirements for this grant.

