

Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

HOUSING PROGRAMME FACILITATION AND IMPLEMENTATION UNIT



HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAMME

Making Home Improvement More Accessible

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Home Improvement Grant Programme (HIG) administered by the Housing Programme Facilitation and Implementation Unit (HPIFU), is a vital initiative aimed at enhancing the living conditions of low-income families in Trinidad and Tobago. By offering financial support for essential home repairs, the HIG Programme seeks to improve the national housing stock, uplift communities, and foster better social conditions.

WHAT ARE APPROVED REPAIR WORKS?

Priority will be given to applicants conducting the following repair works:

- Addition or upgrade of indoor bathroom and toilet facilities
- Plumbing works
- Roof and ceiling works
- Conversion of earthen floors to concrete
- Conversion of wooden structures to concrete
- Electrical works
- Bedroom and kitchen cupboards
- Addition, upgrade and adaption of rooms to ease overcrowding
- · Improved facilities for the disabled
- Installation of burglar-proofing, doors and windows for enhanced security, and
- Other works deemed critical to home improvement

The Grant is not usually approved for the construction of separate new buildings, perimeter walls and retaining walls.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- All applications are entered into the Ministry's database and a computerised random selection process is used to select prospective beneficiaries.
- Randomly selected applicants are informed of their selection and are interviewed to ascertain the veracity of their application.
- Supporting documents and a detailed estimate of the cost of repairs are required at the interview stage.
- Funds will be disbursed to approved beneficiaries in two (2) tranches: 50% on commencement and 50% upon the satisfactory completion of the first half of works,
- A technical officer of the Ministry will visit the beneficiary's premises before, during, and after the repair period to ensure that works were done in accordance with the approved scope of works.



HOME VISITS

Randomly selected applicants who are incapacitated can make a request for the interview to be done at their home. An officer of the Ministry will be assigned to facilitate this process.

HIGH IMPACT COMMUNITY INTERVENTION

The HPIFU periodically facilitates community interventions. Applicants are contacted to attend a scheduled interview in their community. At this time, persons can also check on the status of their application or apply on site.

Look out for an intervention near you...



HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Apply Online:

Applicants are encouraged to apply through the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's website at:

www.housing.gov.tt/the-home-improvement-grant/



SCAN to APPLY

Forms can also be collected, completed and returned to:

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Development 44-46 South Quay, Port-of-Spain Tel: 868-623-HOME (4663), Ext. 2444 or 2054 ttministryofhousingandurbandev@gmail.com
- The T&T Housing Development
 Corporation Sub-Office
 Mc Gillvary Street, Mon Repos, San Fernando
 Tel: 868-652-3116/2010
- Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee (SILWC) Office
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