

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHO IS INVEST ATLANTA?

Invest Atlanta is the economic development authority for the City of Atlanta. Invest Atlanta's mission is to passionately serve the City of Atlanta and its people by strengthening Atlanta's economy and enhancing its global competitiveness. Invest Atlanta attracts and sustains investments in communities across Atlanta to create increased opportunity and prosperity for residents.

## WHO IS MEALS ON WHEELS AND WHY ARE THEY CONDUCTING THE REPAIRS?

Meals on Wheels Atlanta (MOWA) is a non-profit social services agency with a mission to support senior independence through meals, shelter, education and community. As such, MOWA has entered an agreement with IA to act as program manager for this project. MOWA provides similar services in partnership with other funding entities and has more than a decade of experience providing such services for seniors in the metro Atlanta area.

## WHAT KIND OF REPAIRS WILL THIS PROGRAM OFFER?

Eligible repairs are prioritized to address issues pertaining to: 1) Health and Life Safety; 2) Energy Efficiency; and 3) Deferred Maintenance and Home Exterior Improvements.

## WHO IS GIVEN PRIORITY FOR THE PROGRAM?

There is no priority ranking for this program, however, the program is only open to the single-family homeowners of the Westside Tax Allocation District neighborhoods with household incomes  $\leq$  80%AMI.

## HOW MUCH MONEY WILL THE PROGRAM PROVIDE FOR MY HOME REPAIRS?

The Maximum Deferred Forgivable Lien will be up to \$60,000 (Note: includes all repair costs, construction management and construction administration costs, eligible closing costs, contingency reserve, beautification, etc.)

## ARE THERE ANY OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS FOR ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?

No, qualified homeowners do not pay any money out-of-pocket for the application or rehab services.

## AM I TAKING OUT A LOAN FOR MY HOME REPAIRS?

Yes. However, no payment is required for the loan unless the program participant moves out of the home or sells the property before the expiration of the 10-year loan period.

## WILL THERE BE A LIEN ON MY HOME?

Yes. Homeowners with a 1st mortgage against their properties are eligible for this program. An additional lien will be placed against the property until they have lived in the home for 10 years. 10 years after the lien is placed on the property, the lien will be fully forgiven. Homes with 2nd mortgages or other liens (tax liens, water, recorded FIFA, etc.) are prohibited.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact the Westside Heritage Owner-Occupied Rehab Program Manager, [Meals on Wheels at info@mealsonwheelsatlanta.org](mailto:info@mealsonwheelsatlanta.org) or 404-351-3889

