

Critical Home Repair Program “CHiRP”

Habitat for Humanity is known for building decent, affordable homes that give low-income families a path to stability and upward mobility. Did you know we also help families maintain safe and healthy homes?

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Housing is healthcare. Unsafe housing can lead to injuries and disease. Uneven flooring causes falls, and one in five falls can result in a serious injury. Moisture from leaking roofs and swamp coolers causes mold, and mold worsens asthma, particularly in children. Neglected repairs can lead to disease, life safety issues, homelessness, and even death.

“I wish I could write a prescription for a healthy home.”

- A Salt Lake City Pediatrician

One in 10 Utah households spends more than 50% of their income on housing, and families must often choose between home repairs and putting food on the table. 60% of our clients are seniors and people with disabilities, typically on a limited fixed income.

How does it work?

Our **CHiRP** team performs a thorough home inspection to identify critical issues that can impact health and safety. We also make sure that people with mobility issues can safely enter and move about their homes. We use experienced contractors to ensure high-quality work.

CHiRP is not suitable for emergency repair projects.



An extensive fire forced this family to live in their camper for two years. They quickly depleted their savings trying to do the repairs themselves. Meanwhile, weather continued to damage the home’s interior and exterior. Through **CHiRP**, the home was restored, and volunteers updated the landscaping as a final touch.

Inquire today!

Do you qualify for CHiRP?

CHiRP is open to U.S. citizens and legal resident aliens who own a home on a foundation in Salt Lake County and fall within the following income ranges (FY23 HUD Area Median Income Limits for Salt Lake County).

1-person household, \$19,400 to \$51,650	4-person household, \$27,650 to \$73,750
2-person household, \$22,150 to \$59,000	5-person household, \$31,040 to \$79,650
3-person household, \$24,900 to \$66,400	6-person household, \$35,580 to \$85,550

What does CHiRP cost?

There is **no upfront cost** to the homeowner. A grant of up to \$5,000 may be provided, and the remaining cost is eligible for a 0% to 3% loan or a deferred title lien.

If you have any of these issues, let us know!

- Damaged or missing flooring.
- Leaking roof, missing shingles.
- Broken or missing windows.
- Visible mold or moldy smell.
- Faucet, pipe leaks.
- Need a wheelchair ramp or other accessibility upgrade.
- Outlets or lights don’t work.
- Breakers frequently trip.
- Have a swamp cooler or no cooling.
- Furnace or A/C not working.
- Water heater not working.
- Missing or old smoke detectors.

About Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity

Since 1986, Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity has been building affordable and decent homes, making critical home repairs, and operating our ReStore building materials thrift store. We have helped more than 100 low-income families become first-time homeowners, breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty. We have helped over 600 people make critical home repairs to protect their health and safety. And, our ReStore on 1300 South and 500 West in Salt Lake City repurposes building materials and household items, helping families maintain their homes while keeping over 681 tons of material out of the landfill.

Contact us to see if you qualify for CHiRP!

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