

ARLINGTON HOME IMPROVEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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The Arlington Home Improvement Incentive Program (AHIP) encourages property owners to make improvements in their home that increases the value of the home. A one-time rebate equal to 10 times the amount of the increase in City taxes will be paid to the property owner based on the property's pre-improvement and post-improvement appraised value according to the Tarrant Appraisal District.

The rebate is paid to the property owner pursuant to an Incentive Agreement after April 1 of the first full calendar year after completion of the approved project. Rebates will be paid up to a maximum of \$5,000 per dwelling. If, for example, a home improvement project is approved in March 2018 and completed in August 2018, then the property tax value would be calculated before and after the improvements. If the difference in property tax totals \$200, then the homeowner would receive \$2,000, which is 10 times the increase in taxable value improvements.

To be eligible, homeowners must meet the following requirements:

- The homeowner must own the home within Arlington city limits.
- The homeowner cannot be delinquent in taxes or other fees.
- Projects involving the reconstruction or remodeling must cost at least \$20,000 and be completed within 24 months of project approval. New construction is not considered under this program.
- The homeowner must submit an application to the City of Arlington prior to any improvements starting, provide a cost estimate for the improvement project, and consent to periodic inspections during construction and verify final construction costs.
- The homeowner must also execute a Chapter 380 Incentive Agreement with the City of Arlington prior to beginning work on the project.
- Eligibility Exceptions: Homeowners with an existing exemption or tax freeze on city property taxes; homeowners who will claim an exception in the next property tax year; and owners who successfully protest for lowered appraisal values.

AHIP was established in 2011 with a one-time funding source of \$100,000 that is being drawn down with each new agreement.

	Source of funds	General Gas Fund
Year 1 total grant	\$	-
Payouts for applications received in Year 1 (beginning FY12)	\$	9,203
Estimated total grant over the life of the agreement	\$	100,000
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Total capital investment for the agreements	\$	1,000,000
Beginning year		FY11
Ending year		TBD
Paid out to-date as of FY23	\$	65,438
Funds remaining as of FY23	\$	34,562