Comparing Renew Detroit & Senior Emergency Home Repair Programs

How does the City's existing Senior Emergency Home Repair program compare to the new Renew Detroit Home Repair program?

While there are many similarities between the two programs, Renew Detroit and the SEHR home repair programs are not the same. Homeowners currently on the SEHR waitlist are encouraged to apply to the Renew Detroit Home Repair program. Applying for Renew Detroit does not impact a homeowner's place on the SEHR waitlist. If a homeowner on the SEHR waitlist is selected for Renew Detroit, the homeowner will be able to choose which program they would like to participate in. Please see the below descriptions for specific differences between the programs.

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RENEW DETROIT	SENIOR EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR (SEHR)
Who is eligible?	
 A senior 62 years or older or a person with a disability (receiving SSD/SSI) Approved 2021 HOPE (Homeowners Property Exemption) No home repair grant \$10,000 or more from the City of Detroit in the last 10 years. 	 A senior 62 years or older or 55+ with a disability (receiving SSD) Must be an owner occupant with the ability to show proof of ownership & occupancy Must be current on property taxes or current in a payment plan Income must be no more than 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI), with the ability to show proof of income.
What can be repaired?	
Phase 1: Roof Replacement Phase 2: To be determined	Emergency repairs will be completed up to \$15,000. (e.g., windows, plumbing, roofing, electrical work, water heater, furnace, ramps, etc.)
How are participants selected?	
Eligible applicants will be assigned a home repair score based on the following criteria. The 1000 highest scoring applications will be selected for Phase 1. Length of Homeownership Level of HPTAP/HOPE exemption Number of people in household Verified SEHR Waitlist or Wayne Metro Weatherization roof-only deferral If necessary, roof condition based on an assessment will be used as a tiebreaker	Applicants are selected on a first-come, first-served basis. The waitlist currently exceeds 2,000 residents awaiting to enter the intake process.
How can residents apply?	
 Applications for Renew Detroit Phase 1 are open October 1 – October 31, 2021 and can be submitted by phone or online. Call 313.244.0274 to apply over the phone Visit www.detroitmi.gov/RenewDetroit and click "Apply for Renew Detroit" Applications for Phase 2 will open in 2022. 	No longer accepting names on the waitlist as of October 1, 2021.