

# Rock the Block Application



Thank you for your interest in Habitat for Humanity's Hampton [Rock the Block Program](#).

## ABOUT ROCK THE BLOCK

Rock the Block (RTB) is a co-payment grant program which assists homeowners, renters and landlords with residences in Hampton to make exterior improvements to the outside of their homes for minimal cost. Please see the attached checklist for a comprehensive list of ways your home might be improved. All Rock the Block projects will be exterior/outside work and must be visible from the street/curb (e.g., no grant funding available for work performed inside a backyard fence or inside your home).

- Habitat will grant up to \$20,000 maximum per house.
- Homeowner co-payment required: 10% of total grant received; Renter/Investor co-payment required: 50% of total grant received (For example, 10% of a \$20,000 grant would equal to a payment of \$2,000 from the homeowner.)
- Rock the Block is a hand up, not a hand out! Everyone will pay a small portion towards the work (as little as \$50.00). Homeowners will pay no more than \$2,000 total; Investors/renters will pay no more than \$10,000 total.
- Rock the Block grant money is available to all single-family and duplex residential property owners and renters, regardless of income. Renters must have written permission from their landlord submitted with the application.

## ABOUT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity Peninsula & Greater Williamsburg is a nonprofit organization which builds, renovates and repairs houses for local families in need.

**Applications will be accepted from March 1, 2023 - April 15, 2023**

## ROCK THE BLOCK PROJECT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Please make sure the following is attached to your submitted application:**

1. **Existing Condition:** A photograph showing the existing condition of the property must be attached to the application. The photograph will help us assess the current condition of the property and how the proposed improvements will contribute to increasing the curb appeal of the property.
2. **Description of Project:** Please attach a detailed description of the improvements desired as part of this project. Please include any photographs or diagrams that detail the addition/repair or replacement of architecture, doors, shutters, landscaping, decorative entrance features and fencing. Your response should be as specific as possible.
3. **Project Costs:** Rock the Block is a CO-PAYMENT GRANT program and requires the homeowner, investor or renter (with written permission from the property owner) to pay a small portion towards the repair. Upon the assessment by the Home Repair Manager, be prepared to pay 10% of total estimated cost. If you are an investor or renter, be prepared to pay 50% of total estimated cost.



Please fill out the application and provide all attachments in order to be considered for approval.

### SECTION 1 – Property Owner Information (please print)

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Marital status:  Single  Married  Widowed  Divorced

Property Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: VA ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Home Telephone number (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell Telephone number (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity: **Your response is voluntary. This data will be used for statistical reporting only and will be kept strictly confidential. It does not affect your application.**

Please check all the group(s) you most closely identify with:

American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  White or Caucasian

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  Other: Write In \_\_\_\_\_  Prefer not to say

Gender:  Male  Female  Prefer not to specify

### SECTION 2 – Property Information (must be located in the identified neighborhood)

Property Address: (if same as owner address, write **SAME**):

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of the home: \_\_\_\_\_ How did you hear about the program?  Flier on door  
 Postcard in mail  Phone Call  Other: Write In \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property:  Owner Occupied  
 Renter Occupied (permission letter from landlord required)  
 Investment Property

A copy of the current homeowner's insurance is attached (REQUIRED)

### SECTION 3 – Occupant Information (please print)

Full Name of Head of Household: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Best Contact Number(s) Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults in the Household: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children in the Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Household Annual Income: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupant Race/Ethnicity: **Your response is voluntary. This data will be used for statistical reporting only and will be kept strictly confidential. It does not affect your application.**

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Gender:  Male  Female  Prefer not to specify

Someone in the household is:  Veteran  Disabled  65+ Years Old



## SECTION 4 – Description of Proposed Project (please check)

A detailed description of the project is attached (REQUIRED)

## SECTION 5 – Grant Amount Request

The maximum co-payment I am able to make is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (10% or 50%) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total. I understand I will be responsible to pay 10% or 50% of total cost depending on my occupancy status.

*(For example, a total grant of \$20,000 would be equal to a co-payment of \$2,000 if 10% and \$10,000 if 50%)*

By signing this application, I certify that the information and estimates provided above are true to the best of my knowledge. If approved, I agree to allow Habitat for Humanity to take photos and display a Rock the Block yard sign on my property for the duration of the project.

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Date**

**Applications should be returned to the Habitat Office in person or Mailed to:**

Habitat for Humanity Peninsula and Greater Williamsburg  
ATTN: ROCK THE BLOCK  
11011 Warwick Boulevard  
Newport News, VA 23601

(There is a 24-hour secure drop box available at the office for applications)

For more information, contact Maerine Mitchell at 757-913-5652  
You may also email [rock@habitatpgw.org](mailto:rock@habitatpgw.org)





## EXTERIOR HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDE

It is important when examining your home for “curb appeal” to stand across the street and look at your home objectively. Try to see your home as others would see it! Use the following guide to help you decide on repairs needed when examining your home.

### House Exterior

#### **Roof**

- Sagging
- Uneven/waving
- Patched
- Holes
- Discolored
- Shingles

#### **Soffits/fascia**

- Cracked/broken
- Loose
- Needs Paint

#### **Gutters/downspouts**

- Rusted/damaged
- Loose
- Missing

#### **Windows**

- Broken panes
- Need paint
- Reglaze

#### **Siding**

- Wood
- Aluminum/vinyl
- Brick
- Asbestos
- Damaged/dented
- Rotted
- Needs paint
- Wall out of plumb
- Loose bricks/blocks

### Porch/Stoop

#### **Porch**

- Wood
- Sagging
- Crooked
- Holes in floor
- Holes in ceiling
- Rot damage
- Needs paint
- Style doesn't match

#### **Stairs**

- Broken
- Cracked
- Missing/loose
- Rusted/rotted

#### **Lights**

- Missing/Broken

#### **Door**

- Cracked/broken
- Needs paint
- Does not close properly
- Ugly/does not match house
- Damaged/missing storm door
- Door does not match architectural design

### Sidewalk/Driveway

#### **Sidewalk**

- Cracks
- Holes
- Concrete too old
- Soil problems (too wet or too soft)

#### **Driveway**

- Cracks
- Holes
- Concrete too old
- Soil problems
- Graded incorrectly

### Yard/Fence

#### **Front Yard**

- Lawn damaged
- Overgrown shrubs
- Holes
- Graded incorrectly
- Fences damaged or missing
- Fences don't match architectural design of house
- Trash/debris
- No landscaping plan

#### **Back Yard**

- Lawn damaged
- Overgrown shrubs
- Holes
- Graded incorrectly
- Fences don't match architectural design of house
- Trash/debris

### Garage

#### **Garage Foundation**

- Slab
- Dirt
- Sand

#### **Garage Siding**

- Wood
- Brick
- Asbestos siding
- Aluminum/vinyl
- Damaged/missing
- Loose/missing brick
- Cracked mortar
- Rotten wood
- Needs paint
- Walls Crooked

#### **Garage Roof**

- Sagging
- Wavy
- Holes
- Discolored
- Shingles curled/cracked/missing

#### **Garage Door**

- Swinging
- Overhead
- Wood/other
- Needs paint
- Rusted/rotten

#### **Service Door**

- Damaged/cracked
- Broken window
- Missing hardware
- Does not match architectural design

#### **Garage Window**

- Broken panes
- Needs paint
- Will not open/close
- Rot damage