

§ 256.7 What housing services are available under the Housing Improvement Program?

There are three categories of assistance available under the Housing Improvement Program, as outlined in the following table.

Type of assistance	What it provides	Where to find information
Category A	Up to \$2,500 in safety or sanitation repairs to the dwelling in which you live, which will remain substandard. Can be provided more than once, but for not more than one dwelling and the total assistance cannot exceed \$2,500.	§ 256.8
Category B	Up to \$35,000 in repairs and renovation, which will bring your dwelling to Standard Housing condition, as defined in § 256.2. Can only be provided once.	§ 256.9
Category C	A modest dwelling that meets the criteria in § 256.11; and the definition of Standard Housing in § 256.2; and whose costs are determined by and limited to the criteria in 256.17(b). can only be provided once.	§ 256.10 & § 256.11.

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§ 256.8 When do I qualify for Category A assistance?

You qualify for interim improvement assistance under Category A if it is not cost effective to renovate the dwelling in which you live and if either of the following is true:

- (a) Other resources to meet your housing needs exist but are not immediately available; or
- (b) You qualify for replacement housing under Category C, but there are no Housing Improvement Program funds available to replace your dwelling.

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§ 256.9 When do I qualify for Category B assistance?

You qualify for repairs and renovation assistance under Category B if you meet the requirements of this section.

- (a) Your servicing housing office must determine that it is cost effective to repair and renovate the dwelling.
- (b) You must occupy the dwelling and must either:
 - (1) Own the dwelling; or
 - (2) Lease the dwelling with:

(i) An undivided leasehold (i.e., you are the only lessee); and

(ii) A leasehold that will last at least 25 years from the date that you receive the assistance.

(c) The servicing housing office must determine that the repairs and renovation will bring the dwelling to standard housing condition.

(d) You must sign a written agreement stating that, if you sell the dwelling within 5 years of the completion of repairs and renovation:

- (1) The assistance grant under this part will be voided; and
- (2) At the time of settlement, you will repay BIA the full cost of all repairs and renovation made under this part.

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§ 256.10 When do I qualify for Category C assistance?

(a) You qualify for replacement housing assistance under Category C if you meet one of the four sets of requirements in the following table.

You qualify for Category C assistance if * * *	And * * *	And * * *
You own the dwelling in which you are living.	The dwelling cannot be brought up to applicable building code standards and to standard housing condition for \$35,000 or less.	
You lease the dwelling in which you are living.	Your leasehold is undivided and for not less than 25 years at the time that you receive assistance.	The dwelling cannot be brought up to applicable building code standards and to standard housing condition for \$35,000 or less.
You do not own a dwelling ...	You own land that is suitable for housing	The land has adequate ingress and egress rights and economical access to utilities.