

# *From the Building Department*

The Cuyahoga Heights Village Council recently approved the extension of the George M. Suhy Grant Program for an additional five years (2018 - 2023).

## **AUTHORIZATION FOR GEORGE M. SUHY GRANTS.**

The Building Commissioner, or his/her designee, is authorized to administer the George M. Suhy Grant Program and determine whether improvements satisfy the criteria set forth in this Section 1495.04. Exterior landscape improvements must be in the front of the dwelling, or if the dwelling is on a corner lot, the improvement may also be on the sides of the dwelling facing the streets. Improvements must comply with all applicable State and local codes and regulations, including the Ohio Building Code and Residential Code, and be reviewed and approved by the Building Commissioner.

(a) Exterior Qualifying Improvements. Exterior qualifying improvements are drive and walk replacement, roof replacement and repair to include rafters and sheeting, siding replacement and repair, brick work replacements and repair, exterior painting of more than 500 square feet, chimney replacement and repair, replacement of windows and exterior doors including garage; repair or replacement of exterior stairs and landing porches, and repair or replacement of exterior soffits; installation, repair or replacement of retaining walls to support earth pressures, whether or not visible from the street; excavation, repair or replacement for exterior dwelling foundation drain tile; waterproofing of below-grade exterior walls; and excavation, repair or replacement for exterior sanitary/storm sewers.

(b) Interior Qualifying Improvements. Interior qualifying improvements are installation or replacement of furnace, with or without air conditioning unit; and installation or replacement of hot water tanks or tankless hot water systems serving the entire dwelling; whole house exterior wall insulation and/or whole house ceiling insulation; main electrical panel replacement; and excavation, repair or replacement for interior dwelling underground building sanitary/storm drainage sewers.

(c) Landscape Qualifying Improvements. Qualifying improvements are installation or replacement of underground irrigation systems; installation of new or replacement trees, bushes, and flower beds; installation or replacement of stone or paver patios or walkways; reseeding or sodding of lawn of more than 600 square feet.

## **PROCEDURES FOR GRANTS**

Owners of dwelling must apply using Part I - Application (available online at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) or at the Building Department) so that work to be completed is inspected by Building Department.

Owners of dwelling must provide Part II - Application (available online at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) or at the Building Department) with proof of ownership of dwelling and paid invoices of work completed. (Homeowners' labor costs are not permitted). Three (3) grants are available within a five (5) year period but only one grant per structure (dwelling) per calendar year. If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at (216) 641-7020.

## **RENTAL REGISTRATION**

All homeowners that reside in the Village of Cuyahoga Heights and have rental property, and all Out of County rental properties must complete their annual applications (Application for Rental Renewal and Application for Out of County Home Owners). **Both applications are due by April 1, 2018.** These forms are available on our website at [www.cuyahogaheights.com](http://www.cuyahogaheights.com) under Departments; scroll down to Building Department and see Building Department forms. There is a \$50.00 annual fee for each application.