

CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA SIDEWALK REPAIR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY MARCH 2015

Iowa State Code 364.12 places the responsibility to repair sidewalks along the frontages of public streets on the abutting property owner. When repair of the sidewalk is mandated by the City of Cedar Rapids, it shall be repaired and eligible for City reimbursement according to the Sidewalk Repair and Reimbursement Policy. Some property owner(s) may have limited financial means with which to pay the sidewalk repair costs, and the City Council desires to assist those property owners of low and moderate income, on whom the sidewalk repair costs place an undue financial burden.

Sidewalk repair assistance is available through the City as stated in the Sidewalk Repair Financial Assistance Policy as detailed below.

1. The property undergoing sidewalk repair mandated by the City must be owner occupied and located in Single family (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-T and R-TN) zoning to qualify for assistance.
2. The household income must meet the Linn County Income Limits based on household size. Income is based on the Federal Median Family Income Limits for Linn County. Income guidelines are subject to change. See Table 1.
3. The City will financially assist according to the income limit category the property owner meets. See Table 2.
4. In order to be eligible for financial assistance, the property owner must meet the conditions of this policy and submit a completed financial assistance application.

Table 1: FY 2014 Income Limits per family size for Linn County:

FY 2014 Income Limit Area	Median Income	FY 2014 Income Limit Category	Persons in Household							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
Linn County	\$74,500	Extremely Low 30% Income Limits	\$15,650	\$17,900	\$20,150	\$23,850	\$27,910	\$31,970	\$36,030	\$40,090
		Very Low 50% Income Limits	\$26,100	\$29,800	\$33,550	\$37,250	\$40,250	\$43,250	\$46,200	\$49,200
		Low 80% Income Limits	\$41,750	\$47,700	\$53,650	\$59,600	\$64,400	\$69,150	\$73,950	\$78,700

Table 2: City Financial Assistance Participation Based on Income Limit

Family Size 1-8+	Extremely Low Gross Household Income 0%-30.00%	Very Low Gross Household Income 30.01%-50.00%	Low Gross Household Income 50.01%-80%
Financial Assistance from City	75% of Repair Costs, No Maximum	60% of Repair Costs, No Maximum	50% of Repair Costs, \$1,500 Max Reimbursement

Example: A 4-person household making a gross income of \$35,400 per year would meet the **Very Low** income limit (Table 1). They would be eligible for 60% assistance from the City with no maximum (Table 2).