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Mission: St. Louis among organizations that received funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

ST. LOUIS – In late August, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$30 million to nonprofit organizations, state and local governments and public housing authorities to fund programs that provide moderate home repairs to meet the needs of low-income, older adult homeowners.

Mission: St. Louis is among the 32 organizations that received these grants. Mission: St. Louis' Minor Home Repair program focuses on minor to moderate home repairs that reduce older adults' risk of falling and allows them to "age in place," rather than move to assisted care facilities. Repairs focus on energy efficiency, weatherization, accessibility, fall prevention, security and other general repairs around the home.

According to a Washington University [study](#), falls are the most common cause of traumatic brain injury and fracture for older adults and can result in serious complications. From July 2020 to June 2021, 98% of older adults who received repairs from the Mission: St. Louis Minor Home Repair program reported no new falls in the two to six months after repairs were completed.

To qualify for the program, adults must be 62 years of age or older, live within the City of St. Louis, own their home and they must meet the city's moderate to low income requirements.

"Today, we are renewing our commitment to improving the lives of older adults," said HUD Secretary, Marcia L. Fudge. "The funding provided today will enable low-income elderly persons to remain in their homes and will reduce their risk of falling, improve their general safety, increase accessibility, and improve their functional abilities in their home."

[Read a complete project-by-project summary of the programs awarded grants today. To learn more, visit missionstl.org/beyondcharity.](https://missionstl.org/beyondcharity)

***About Mission: St. Louis:** Mission: St. Louis is a nonprofit that is restoring the city by empowering people to transform their lives. We have made a strategic set of education and workforce development programs available to the people we serve. We walk alongside people as they work their way through our programs, empowering entire families to break the cycle of poverty.*

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