

Escambia County Demolition Assistance Program

The intent of the Demolition Assistance Program is to improve the appearance, property value, and safety of residential neighborhoods within Escambia County. This program provides Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to low income families to make possible the elimination of blighted parcels. The program will assist income qualified property owners with the cost(s) associated with property abatement to include, but not limited to, land clearing, structure demolition and removal, and debris removal. This program does *not* cover removal of inoperable vehicles.

This support is provided as a one-time only assistance on a property. If approved, a deferred payment lien will be placed on the property for the amount of the property abatement. This lien will be forgiven after two years provided that the property is not sold or transferred and remains free of further code violations for that time period. If a building permit to develop the property is obtained by the current applicant after the demolition, the applicant can request a release of the lien prior to the two year expiration date. At the time of the demolition, all of the contents and debris will be discarded and removed from the property; the applicant will be responsible for removing any objects of value prior to the demolition. If present, all utilities must be disconnected from their source as well. Due to the limited funding available, elderly and low income ($\leq 50\%$ AMI) applicants will receive priority.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Property must have received a notice of violation from Environmental Enforcement.
- Property must be zoned for residential use.
- Applicant must be a current resident of Escambia County.
- Applicant must provide proof of ownership (copy of warranty deed).
- Applicant must not owe any back taxes on the property or have any other outstanding liens or judgments owed to the County. Applicant may be allowed to proceed with an outstanding code enforcement order with approval of the NED Division Manager provided that a payment plan is established for the lien.
- Applicant must provide documentation to establish Income Eligibility Requirements (applicant must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income).
- Applicant's case must be forwarded to NED through Environmental Enforcement.
- Priority is given to properties located within an Escambia County Community Redevelopment Area.

Please complete the enclosed preliminary application and return to your Environmental Enforcement officer. Neighborhood Enterprise Division (NED) will contact you to make an appointment to determine your eligibility and to set up an appointment. All information provided to Escambia County/NED will be confidential. For your appointment, you will need to bring the following:

- Picture ID and Social Security Card
- Income Verification (such as current paycheck stub, current SS/SSI printout, retirement statement, child support, etc.; staff at NED will tell you what to bring)
- Copy of warranty deed showing ownership of property
- Copy of most recent bank statement

For more information, contact:

Neighborhood Enterprise Division
221 Palafox Place, Suite 200
Pensacola, FL 32502
Phone: 850-595-0022
Fax: 850-595-0342

Environmental Enforcement Division
3363 West Park Place
Pensacola, FL 32505
Phone: 850-595-1820
Fax: 850-595-0149

Escambia County Demolition Assistance Program Preliminary Application

Applicant Information	Name: _____	
	Home Address: _____ (include zip code) _____	
	Phone Number: _____	Email: _____
	Address of Property Requiring Assistance: _____	
	Is this property your homestead residence? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Are your property taxes on this property current? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	Is this property: <input type="checkbox"/> Owner Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant (How long? _____)	
	Do you have a mortgage on this property? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Do you have property insurance on this property? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Utilities Present on Property: <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer <input type="checkbox"/> Septic		

I, the undersigned, am the owner of the property noted above. I understand that my signature authorizes Escambia County staff to forward this application to Neighborhood Enterprise Division (NED) to determine my eligibility for the Demolition Assistance Program. To participate in the program, I agree to provide information to NED in order to determine my eligibility. NED will contact me to complete the application requirements as needed. I understand that my application for this program does not guarantee the availability of assistance. If approved for the Program, I understand that a two year deferred payment lien will be placed on the property equal to the cost of the abatement.

Signature of Applicant Print Name Date

Environmental Enforcement Use Only	Referring Environmental Enforcement Officer (Print Name & Sign) _____		Date _____
	Officer Contact Information: Phone: _____	Email: _____	
	Environmental Enforcement Division Manager Approval _____		Date _____
	Copy of Notice of Violation Enclosed: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

After approval by Environmental Enforcement Division Manager, please include copy of this application with notice of violation and forward to Neighborhood Enterprise Division, 221 Palafox Place, Suite 200, Pensacola, FL 32502.

NED Use Only	Zoning: <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	Census Tract: _____
	Redevelopment Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Barrancas <input type="checkbox"/> Brownsville <input type="checkbox"/> Cantonment <input type="checkbox"/> Englewood <input type="checkbox"/> Ensley <input type="checkbox"/> Oakfield <input type="checkbox"/> Palafox <input type="checkbox"/> Warrington	
	Date Applicant Contacted: _____	Commissioner District: _____