

Applicant Name:

If applicant is an organization, name of contact person:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

How did you hear about this program?

This application may be submitted via email to marissa.latta@gmail.com and smarks.austin@gmail.com.

If you have questions about the application, please contact Marissa Latta at marissa.latta@gmail.com or 720-217-4306.

History and Purpose of the OWANA Affordable Housing Fund

The Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA) Affordable Housing Fund has existed since 2011 and seeks to promote and expand access to and the availability of affordable housing within the Old West Austin neighborhood. HOMEBase, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, administers the funds for OWANA. In the past, the Fund has been used to support the efforts of the Clarksville Community Development Corporation (CCDC) to acquire, construct, and maintain CCDC's affordable housing units. In 2019, OWANA intends to expand the impact of the Fund to assist low-income individuals and families with their affordable housing needs, while also continuing to invite applications for additional affordable housing in Old West Austin.

Eligibility

Individuals and families making less than 80% of area Median Family Income (MFI) are eligible to apply to the OWANA Affordable Housing Fund. Organizations that serve individuals or families below this income threshold are also eligible to apply. A chart with 2018 MFI limits based on household size can be found at http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/NHCD/MFI_Chart_Effective_6-1-2018_For_Publishing.pdf. OWANA is unable to provide ongoing financial support, so applicants are encouraged to make requests for one-time financial assistance. Successful applicants will be required to verify their income to HomeBase, the nonprofit organization that manages the OWANA Affordable Housing Fund, before funds can be disbursed. Fund recipients will also need to provide a W-9 to HomeBase for tax purposes.

Confidentiality

All information provided in this application will be kept confidential. Information provided here will only be shared with members of the OWANA Affordable Housing Committee, who will make all determinations of eligibility to receive funding.

Briefly describe (1) your *need* for Old West Austin Neighborhood Association affordable housing funds and (2) your *geographic connection* to Old West Austin. Examples of need could include, for example, not being able to pay rent because of a recent setback, seeking funds to build an accessory dwelling unit (also known as a granny or alley flat), or seeking funds for a security deposit or first month's rent to secure affordable housing. The geographic connection could include, for example, a child in the family attending Mathews Elementary School or building an affordable accessory dwelling on a lot located in the neighborhood.

Please provide information on the financial situation leading to the request for assistance, as well as any other resources available to the applicant:

How much money are you requesting from the Fund, and for what purpose? Please explain how these funds will address the housing-related issue you are facing. If you are seeking one-time rental assistance, please explain how receiving the requested financial assistance will enable you to be stable in your housing situation.

Is there any other information that would be helpful to the OWANA Affordable Housing Committee in making a decision on your application?