#### FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPA 14-46 South Quay, Port of Spain Received by: Application Form Date Received: Home Improvement Grant Processed by: Date Processed: 1. APPLICANT'S INFORMATION SEX National ID/Passport #\_\_\_\_ Checked by: Date Checked: Surname First Name Other Date Interviewed: Country of Birth Citizenship Date of Birth **DOCUMENTS RECEIVED** TELEPHONE(S) **ADDRESS** (please tick): No. & Street \_ Home \_ Copies of applicant(s) Birth Certificate. Work \_\_\_\_\_ Village/Town \_\_\_ Copies of ID Card(s) Country or Passport(s) of the applicant(s) Marital Status Single Married Divorced Separated Common Law Widowed Evidence of citizenship 2. SOURCE OF INCOME where applicable Salary Pension **National Insurance** Self Employed Social Welfare Disability Grant Other Copies of Marriage Certificate (if applicable) 3. HOUSEHOLD DATA Copy of Title Deed or Deed of Gross Monthly Household Income \_\_\_\_\_ Lease or any other proof of How many persons including yourself are living in the house?\_\_ ownership or permission to occupy property, land e.g. rent receipts 4. HOUSE REPAIRS Type of works to be done: (e.g. roof; flooring, walls, windows, addition of room etc.) Documentary Evidence of Household Income Estimated cost of improvement works \_ Recent pay slip and job letter/ Did you receive any assistance under the Government's Home Improvement Pension slip / Letter from Subsidy? Yes □ No□ National Insurance Board Freehold Leasehold 5. LAND TENURE Rented Squatter Completed Quotation for repair work Once Selected an Assessment Interview will be conducted (Applicant's Name in Block Letters) I certify that the information given in this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. If there is anything in the information given above which is not true or which I do not believe to be true, I am aware that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development is entitled to refuse my application.

**Applicant's Signature** -

Date -



# Application Form Home Improvement Grant

The Home Improvement Grant Programme forms part of a holistic plan by the Government to address the housing needs of the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago. This Programme is run by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and targets persons who wish to do improvement works to their home.

#### How does it work?

The Home Improvement Grant Programme is simply for persons whose dwellings are substandard, dilapidated or in need of repair. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development would provide a maximum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to successful applicants. The Process is as follows:

- All applicants will be entered into a database and a random selection/need process will be adopted in the selection of prospective beneficiaries.
- Successful applicants will be informed of their selection and will be interviewed to ascertain the veracity of their application.
- Supporting documents and a detailed estimate of the cost of repairs will be required
- Funds will be disbursed in two (2) tranches, 50% on commencement and 50% when half of the repairs have been satisfactory completed.
- A technical officer of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development will visit the beneficiary's premises during the period that repairs are beikng undertaken, to ensure that work is done in accordance with the estimate.

## Who can apply?

Any citizen of Trinidad and Tobago who has legal tenure and requires assistance to to do improvement works to their home, but the said persons must satisfy other criteria as well such as:

- 1. Total household income of all persons who live in the home must not exceedthe approved ceiling.
- 2. The applicant must be able to show proof of legal tenure by
  - (a) Providing a deed or certificate of title in the applicant's name
  - (b) Where land is jointly owned, the applicant must show a letter of permission from the co-owners of the land
  - (c) If the land is rented, the applicant must show rent receipts in his/her name over a period of not less than three (3) years
  - (d) Where the applicant is not renting the land on which the structure exists, he/she must have written permission from the owner(s) of the property along with a copy of a deed or certificate of title in the owner(s) name, accompanied by a copy of owner's ID.

### What are the Documents to be Submitted?

If successful when a random selection is made the original and copies of the following documents should be submitted only at an interview:-

- 1. Birth Certificate
- 2. ID Card or Passport
- 3. Evidence of citizenship (where applicable)
- 4. Marriage Certificate (where applicable)
- 5. Proof of Ownership or Permission to occupy (Title Deed; Deed of Lease, Rent Receipts)
- 6. Documentary Evidence of Household Income
- 7. Recent pay slip and job letter/ Pension slip / Letter from National Insurance Board
- 8. Completed Quotation for repair work

Photocopies of the application forms will be accepted.

Completed application forms can be deposited at any of the following locations:

- 1. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development 44-46 South Quay Port of Spain Tel: 623-4663
- 2. Sugar Industry Sub Office Rushworth St. & Independece Ave. San Fernando Tel: 652-2642
- 3. Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Committee Office (SILWC)
  Cor. Dove & Balisier Avenue
  Couva
  Tel: 636-2772