



City of Pocatello
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SIDEWALK ASSISTANCE

DO YOU OWN AND OCCUPY A HOME THAT NEEDS SIDEWALK REPAIRS BEYOND YOUR FINANCIAL OR PHYSICAL ABILITIES?

We are anxious to help with your sidewalk challenges. To find out more, simply fill out the enclosed application and return it AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Neighborhood & Community Services Division at 234-6185.

The Pocatello City Council has directed Community Development Block Grant funds and staff to assist eligible property owners with:

- Securing qualified contractors to perform the needed work.
- Finding the lowest possible bids for the work while ensuring you get quality results.
- Providing personal, qualified support throughout the entire process.
- Providing you with financial assistance geared to your specific situation.

Funding in this program is limited. Therefore, priority is given to properties occupied by low-to-moderate income homeowners with isolated sidewalk problems (i.e. the only bad walks on a full block frontage). Further priority is given to high foot traffic areas and those which may coordinate with already-planned City projects as well as applications from within low-to-moderate income neighborhoods.

Eligible Improvements Include:

- The removal/replacement of dangerous or seriously deteriorated portions of sidewalk. Full replacement of sidewalks must be approved on a case-by-case basis by City Engineering and Planning and Development Staff.
- The removal/replacement of trees which have caused/are causing damage to the sidewalks being proposed for replacement. Removal of trees must be pre-authorized by the Urban Forester.

- The additional replacement of deteriorated curbs and gutters in cases where the City Engineer verifies the property is not in a location that may require a broader solution (drainage or other wise).

Ineligible improvements under this program include: porches, patios, walk and driveways outside the public right-of-way as well as sidewalks/curbs/gutters affiliated with new home or subdivision construction.

The emphasis and first priority for this program is to benefit the City's LMA (Low-Moderate Income Area) neighborhoods. A map can be obtained by calling 234-6185.

The City reserves the right to direct property owners in close proximity and with shared problems to pursue the Local Improvement District process authorized by Idaho Code and generally facilitated by the City's Engineering Department.

Options and Terms:

Option One--If your household income (including ALL wage earners) is less than the following income limits (subject to change per annual HUD guidelines), you may qualify for a **grant covering 100% of the sidewalk costs:**

1 – Person	\$19,400	3 – Person	\$24,950	5 – Person	\$29,950	7 – Person	\$34,350
2 – Person	\$22,200	4 – Person	\$27,700	6 – Person	\$32,150	8 – Person	\$36,600

Option Two--If your household income (including ALL wage earners) is less than the following income limits (subject to change per annual HUD guidelines), you may qualify for a **grant covering 50% of the sidewalk costs and, if needed, a 4% loan for 3 years to cover the remaining 50%:**

1 – Person	\$31,050	3 – Person	\$39,900	5 – Person	\$47,850	7 – Person	\$54,950
2 – Person	\$35,450	4 – Person	\$44,300	6 – Person	\$51,400	8 – Person	\$58,500

Option Three--If your household income (including ALL wage earners) is more than the above limits, we are able to offer **4% loans with a 3-year term** to credit-worthy owner-occupants. Dependent upon a borrowers' individual financial situation, payments may be stretched over a longer period of time to make loans more affordable.

The City reserves the right to deny any loan and grant applications.

Minimum considerations of loan approval include:

- The property's total debt obligations cannot exceed 95% of its value.
- Your long-term debt payments cannot exceed 50% of your monthly income and the housing-related portion of those debts cannot exceed 40%.
- You must maintain the home and its surroundings in accordance with the City's Property Maintenance Code.
- The property must be maintained as your principal residence or the loan will become fully due and payable.
- You must have a reasonable credit history.