



CITY OF SALISBURY  
~~HOMEOWNER CONVERSION GRANT PROGRAM~~  
& TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM

*FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS*

~~Where can I apply for the Homeowner Conversion Grant Program?~~

~~At Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Service, 513 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, MD, 21801, phone (410) 543-4626. Applications are also available on the City of Salisbury's website at [www.ci.salisbury.md.us](http://www.ci.salisbury.md.us).~~

**Where can I apply for the Tax Abatement Program?**

~~Either at Salisbury Neighborhood Housing Service or at the City Finance Office, Room 103, Government Office Building, 125 N. Division Street, Salisbury, MD, 21801, phone (410) 548-3110. Applications are also available on the City of Salisbury's website at [www.ci.salisbury.md.us](http://www.ci.salisbury.md.us).~~

**What are the qualifications for the programs?**

The property you are converting to owner-occupied family use must be located within the City limits; it has to have been used exclusively as a rental property for at least three years immediately prior to the conversion or is owned by a person or entity that rehabilitated the property after rental use for 3 consecutive years; you must be converting the property to an owner-occupied, family residence; and you must intend to occupy the home within one year of the date of closing. *It must be a single-family detached dwelling.*

~~How much is the grant?~~

~~The grant is an amount up to \$3,000, received on the date of closing.~~

~~Do I ever have to pay back the grant?~~

~~The initial grant is forgiven on an annual basis of 20% per year, so long as the property is maintained as an owner-occupied family residence. After the fifth year, the agreement is terminated and the grant is forgiven. If, for example, you sell the house after the third year, and the buyer is not planning to maintain the property as an owner-occupied family residence, you would owe the City 40% of the initial grant amount you received.~~

**How many years are the property taxes abated?**

City property taxes for the first five years of participation in the Program are abated in whole, then the tax is gradually phased in over a period of four years, at 20% per year, until the tenth year when property taxes will be due in full.

**After receiving the grant and the tax abatement, how does the City know if I'm still using the property as an owner-occupied family residence?**

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You have the obligation to provide annual confirmation of the family use and the continued occupancy of the property by the owner. This is necessary for ~~five years if you have received the grant, or~~ nine years if you are receiving the tax abatement.