

Vacant Rental Program (VRP)

Assists property owners rehabilitate vacant units into quality affordable rental housing.



How do I get VRP grant funds?

VRP funds are available to not-for-profits and municipalities to provide grants to eligible property owners. Property owners should contact local housing providers and review the list of active VRP administrators here: https://hcr.ny.gov/vrp.

What Assistance is Provided?

Participants can choose a standard award or enhanced award option:

	Standard VRP	Enhanced VRP
Award Limit	\$50,000 per Unit	\$75,000 per Unit
Tenant Household Income Limit	80%AMI	60%AMI

Who Qualifies?

- Owners of residential properties with up to five units or properties that will be converted into such
- Prioritization of small, local, and responsible owners
- · Only vacant units eligible for assistance
- Properties must be located outside of New York City
- Owners must rent assisted units at affordable levels for 10 years

What Type of Work Can be Done?

Rehabilitation activities to fix conditions making vacant unit uninhabitable or unmarketable such as code compliance, plumbing and electrical, accessibility modifications, environmental remediation, and other improvements.

For additional information please visit http://hcr.ny.gov/vrp.

Applications can be filled out at Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. at www.belmonthousingwny.org or through Keith Braun, Housing Programs Manager, (716) 884-7791 x176, kbraun@belmonthousingwny.org.

