

# CITY OF BUCHANAN, MICHIGAN



*2025 CDBG*

*Help for Homes*

*Bid Package: HVAC- 121 Elizabeth*

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City of Buchanan  
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302 N Redbud Trail | Buchanan, MI 49107  
269-695-3844

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
CITY OF BUCHANAN, MICHIGAN

Help 4 Homes Program  
Bid Package: HVAC Replacement- 121 Elizabeth, Buchanan, MI 49120

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Buchanan, Michigan in the office of the City Clerk until 9:15AM Local Time on July 21, 2025, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for the home repair work consisting outlined in the specifications that can be found online at: <https://www.cityofbuchanan.com/rfps>

The proposal as well as the plans and specifications under which the work will be done are on file and may be examined at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 302 N Redbud Trail | Buchanan, MI 49107 (269-695-3844). Copies thereof may be obtained electronically from the Community Development Department.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities in proposals and to accept the proposal that in the opinion of the City Council is most advantageous to the City.

No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of bids for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled time of receiving bids.

CITY OF BUCHANAN  
Tony McGhee  
City Manager

**NOTICE:** For each item below, the undersigned, having familiarized himself/herself/themselves with the local conditions affecting the cost of the work, and with the Advertisement, the Form of Proposal, Specifications and Plans on file with the City Clerk, hereby proposes to perform everything required to be performed and to provide and furnish all the labor, materials, necessary tools, expendable equipment, and all utility and transportation services necessary to perform and complete in a workmanlike manner all the work required in the City of Buchanan all in accordance with the specifications as prepared for the following named unit prices to wit:

**Address: 121 Elizabeth St.**

**Scope of Work**

**1 Removal:**

- Safely disconnect and remove the existing furnace and associated ductwork connections as needed.
- Remove and dispose of old unit and debris in accordance with local regulations.
- Verify and cap/disconnect any obsolete electrical or gas lines if necessary.

**2 Installation:**

- Provide and install a new high-efficiency (AFUE  $\geq$  95%) gas furnace sized appropriately for the home (approx. 1200 sq. ft.).
- Coordinate with the homeowner to select an approved brand (e.g., Trane, Lennox, Carrier, Rheem, etc.).
- Ensure compatibility with existing ductwork or note necessary modifications in the bid.
- Install new gas piping, venting (PVC or other approved type), condensate drain lines, and electrical connections as required.
- Install a new programmable thermostat, if not compatible with existing controls.
- Verify proper airflow, refrigerant levels (if applicable), and safe operation of all systems.
- Seal and insulate any ductwork connections affected by the installation.

**3 Testing and Commissioning:**

- Perform complete system startup and testing.
- Balance airflow and ensure system operates per manufacturer specifications.
- Provide homeowner training on new system and thermostat operation.

**4 Permits and Inspections:**

- Obtain all required permits.
- Coordinate all required inspections with the local building department.
- Furnish proof of final approval from all required inspections.

**4. Warranty Requirements**

- Minimum 10-year manufacturer warranty on furnace components.
- Minimum 1-year labor warranty on installation.
- Include documentation of all warranties with the final invoice.

**5. Optional Add-Alternates (Include as Line Items)**

- Air filter upgrade (e.g., MERV 13 or HEPA system)
- Humidifier installation
- Duct cleaning service

<b>Pricing Packages</b>	
<b>1 Furnace:121 Elizabeth</b>	\$
2 Air filter upgrade (e.g., MERV 13 or HEPA system)	\$
3 Humidifier installation	\$
4 Duct cleaning service	\$
<b>Permits</b>	\$
<b>Dumpsters</b>	\$
<b>Total of Alternate Bids</b>	\$
<b>Total Estimate with Alternate Bids.</b>	\$

**BIDDER'S EXCEPTIONS OR COMMENTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED:**

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**SUB-CONTRACTORS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

LIST **NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES** YOU PLAN TO HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT AT ANY ONE TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS**

- The contractor must be licensed and insured.
- Must comply with all applicable building codes and standards.
- Work must be performed during agreed-upon hours to minimize disruption.
- Contractor is responsible for any damages caused during installation.

#### **WARRANTY & FINAL INSPECTION**

- Contractor shall provide a one-year warranty on labor.
- Manufacturer's warranty on the fixtures must be honored.
- Final inspection will be conducted upon project completion to ensure compliance.

The undersigned affirms that in making such proposal neither he nor any company that he may represent nor anyone in behalf of him or company directly or indirectly has entered into any combination, collusion,

undertaking or agreement with any other bidder or bidders to maintain the prices of said work, or any compact to prevent any other bidder or bidders from bidding on said contract or work, and further affirms that such proposal is made without regard or reference to any other bidder or proposal and without agreement or understanding or combination either directly or indirectly with any other person or persons with reference to such bidding in any way or manner whatsoever.

The undersigned hereby agrees that if the foregoing proposal shall be accepted by the Homeowner and the City, he will, within ten (10) consecutive calendar days after receiving notice of acceptance of such proposal, enter into contract, in the appropriate form, to furnish the labor, materials, equipment, tools, and construction equipment necessary for the full and complete execution of the work, at and for the price named in his proposal. The undersigned hereby agrees that if this foregoing proposal shall be accepted by the said City he will complete the entire work of this contract by July 30, 2025.

In interest of expediting the award of this contract the undersigned will be required to show that he has performed work similar to that included under the proposed contract for which his proposal is offered.

In submitting this bid it is understood that the right is reserved by the Homeowner and/or the City of Buchanan to reject any and all bids. It is agreed that this bid may not be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening thereof.

Please Print or Type

Dated and signed at \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Company**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Bidder**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature Of Bidder, Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Business Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address of Primary Contact**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Number**

# CERTIFICATION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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**Company**

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**Name of Bidder**

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**Business Address**

Please Check One

A. Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ B. Supplier \_\_\_\_\_ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Project/Product Description

Help for Homes Program

The undersigned certifies that for the above referenced service(s)/product(s) performed for or furnished to the City of Buchanan:

1. The undersigned does not discriminate in the purchase of materials or in the hiring of personnel, or in the sub-contracting of personnel, on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap.
1. That all Federal and State statutes and regulations pertaining to discrimination on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap have been and shall continue to be fully observed.
2. The undersigned will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Buchanan, its agents and employees, from any and all liability founded upon a claim of violation of Civil Rights or affirmative action regulations pertaining to discrimination.

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Signature

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Printed Name, Title & Date

# INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

## **Work to be Done**

The work to be done under this contract includes the furnishing of all labor, materials and construction equipment necessary for home repair in the City of Buchanan complete and in accordance with the specifications.

## **Construction Conditions**

It is required that each bidder will examine the specifications for the work and make a personal examination of the site of the proposed work and its surroundings. It is also expected that he will obtain firsthand information concerning the available facilities for receiving, transporting, handling and storing construction equipment and materials and concerning other environmental conditions that may affect his work.

## **Basis Upon Which Proposals are Solicited**

Proposals are solicited for the proposed home repair and rehab as described in the specifications. The basis on which proposals will be received will be that of cost reimbursement of unit prices for the work described in the Form of Proposal. The City reserves the right to increase or diminish any or all of the quantities within reasonable limits, and the Contractor will be paid for the actual amount of work completed and accepted by the City and at prices stated in his proposal. Bidders may bid on one or multiple packages of the specifications to be considered.

## **Time of Completion**

The Contractor shall fully complete all work under this contract by **August 30, 2025**.

## **Liquidated Damages**

The Contractor shall complete the entire project on or before the date specified or by authorized extension without liquidated damages. The Contractor will be charged \$100.00 per day for each calendar day that the work shall remain uncompleted past the completion date.

## **Arbitration of Disputes**

If there is a dispute between the City and the Contractor regarding the question of whether the Contractor has completed the specified work satisfactorily and/or whether the Contractor has certain payments due that cannot be resolved between the City and Contractor, the dispute shall be resolved through arbitration. An Arbitration Board of three members shall be selected. One shall be selected by the City and one shall be selected by the Contractor. The third arbitrator shall be selected by the mutual agreement of the two arbitrators selected by the City and the Contractor. The decision of the Arbitration Board shall be binding on both the City and the Contractor. The City shall bear the cost of the arbitrator which it selected. The Contractor shall bear the cost of the arbitrator which he selected. The cost of the third arbitrator and all other expenses shall be borne equally by the City and the Contractor.

## **Form of Proposal**

All proposals must be made and signed by the bidder in the form attached hereto and due to the City Clerk by **9:15 AM on July 21, 2025**. All prices stated in the proposal must be plainly written in legible figures. Illegibility of any figures in the proposal will be sufficient cause for rejection of the proposal by the City. Each proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the City Clerk of the City of Buchanan, Michigan, and labeled on the outside **"Proposal for H4H Program - HVAC- 121 Elizabeth"**.

**Conformity to Specifications**

Proposals must be made in full conformity to all the conditions as set forth in the specifications for the work now on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Name, Address and Status of Bidder**

The name and legal status of the bidder, that is, as a corporation, partnership, or an individual, shall be stated in the proposal. A corporation bidder shall name the state in which the articles of incorporation are held, and must give the title of the official having authority, under the by-laws, to sign contracts; a partnership bidder shall give the full name and address of partners. Anyone signing a proposal as an agent of another must submit with his proposal legal evidence of his authority to do so. The place of residence of each bidder, or the office address in the case of a firm or company, with the county and state, must be given after his signature.

**Experience and Financial Statement**

Bidders will be required to provide references offering proof of previous experience as well as satisfactory performance in this type of work. Bidders must provide a list of past projects completed which closely resemble the quantities and value of this project.

If required by the City, each bidder under consideration may be required to submit a statement of his financial status.

**Written or Oral Explanations**

Should a bidder find discrepancies in or omission from the contract documents or specifications, or should he be in doubt as to their meaning, he may at once notify the City Clerk and request an interpretation thereof and he will be held responsible for the prompt delivery of such request. The City Clerk will thereupon send written instructions in an addendum to all bidders. The City will not be responsible for any oral instruction in connection with this contract.

**Execution of Contract**

The bidder whose proposal shall be accepted for the Homeowner portion of the work will be required to execute the contract between the successful Contractor and the Homeowner in the form attached hereto. Outside individual contracts between private property owners and the Contractor will be separate from this Homeowner contract. The Contractor shall be responsible for preparing a separate proposal and contract with private property owners. The City of Buchanan will not be responsible for payment of any contracted work other than what is performed for through this RFP and associated contract.

**Licenses, W9 and Proof of Insurance - NOTE- REQUIRED**

All bidders must submit current copies of all professional licenses, a current and official Certificate of Insurance that includes Workman's Compensation, and a W9

**Insurance – NOTE –REQUIRED**

The Workman's Compensation Insurance and Public Liability and Property Damage insurance in the amount specified in the general Conditions must be carried by the Contractor who undertakes the work of the contract.

**Right to Accept, to Reject and to Waive Defects**

The City reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals, and to waive defects or irregularities in any proposal. In particular, any alteration, erasure, or interlineation in the contract documents which are attached hereto and specifically made a part of these instructions and of the form



of proposal, shall render the accompanying proposal irregular and subject to rejection by the subject to rejection by the City. Proposals, which are clearly unbalanced, will also be considered as irregular and subject to rejection by the City.

**Award of Contract**

The contract shall be deemed as having been awarded when formal notice of award shall have been duly served upon the bidder to whom the City contemplates awarding the contract by the City Manager.

**Withdrawal of Bids**

Any bidder who has submitted a proposal to the City may withdraw his bid at any time prior to the scheduled time for the receipts of bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the time stated in the advertisement for opening bids for a period of thirty (30) days thereafter.



## Help for Homes Program Contract for Services City of Buchanan

THE **CONTRACT** made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by and between

\_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called the "Contractor", \_\_\_\_\_ (Homeowner) and the City of Buchanan, Michigan, hereinafter called the "City". WITNESSETH: That the Contractor, Homeowner and the City for the consideration stated herein agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I SCOPE OF WORK** - The Contractor shall perform everything required to be performed and shall provide and furnish all of the labor, materials, necessary tools, expendable equipment, and all utility and transportation services required to perform and complete in a workmanlike manner all the work required for the Help for Homes Program at \_\_\_\_\_ (Homeowner's Address) in the City of Buchanan, Michigan, all in strict accordance with the Specifications, including any and all addenda, prepared by the City of Buchanan, which Specifications are made a part of this contract; and the Contractor shall do everything required by the contract and other documents constituting a part thereof. Contractor agrees to perform all work in conformance with all local building codes, and State of Michigan Building Code, whether or not covered by the specifications and drawings.

**ARTICLE II TIME** - It is agreed that the said Contractor will begin work under this contract after approval and signing of the contract by the City and that he will be prosecute it with all due diligence thereafter at such points and with such force and in such manner and at such rate as will bring the entire work to completion by July 30, 2025 the date of completion being considered an essential element of the Contract.

**ARTICLE III COMPLETION** - It is agreed that the Contractor shall submit an outline of his proposed order of work and will indicate the dates for the completing of the major items of work. When approved by the Homeowner and the City, this outline shall become part of the contract documents.

The Contractor shall set up an outline so as to provide for the completion of the entire work on or before July 30, 2025.

Payments are to be made to the Contractor in accordance with and subject to the provisions embodied in the document made part of this contract.

**ARTICLE IV LIQUIDATED DAMAGES** - The Contractor shall complete the entire project on or before the date specified or by authorized extension without liquidated damages. The Contractor will be charged \$100.00 per day for each calendar day that the work shall remain uncompleted past the completion date.

**ARTICLE V THE CONTRACT PRICE** - The City shall, with the Homeowner's approval, pay to the Contractor, for the performance of the contract, subject to any additions or deductions provided therein, in current funds, the sum as determined by the actual quantities as final built and the following schedule of unit prices, to wit:

<b>Address 1:</b>	\$
<b>Permits</b>	\$
<b>Dumpsters</b>	\$
<b>Total of Alternate Bids</b>	\$
<b>Total Estimate with Alternate Bids.</b>	\$

#### **ARTICLE VI Change Orders**

Any additions to, deletions from, or changes in the rehabilitation contract work, time, or price must be approved in a written change order request before the additional work is started. The change order must be executed by the owner and the contractor and approved by the rehabilitation specialist and the grantee. Change orders may be used to add items of work that are essential to complete the original work and were not evident until after the work started.

**ARTICLE VII Termination for Convenience.** The City of Buchanan may terminate this entire agreement for its convenience in whole or in part at any time without cause by its Notice of such termination, issued after conferring with CONTRACTOR shall terminate the Work as instructed by the City of Niles. Upon termination, if CONTRACTOR has begun work, the City of Niles shall pay to CONTRACTOR, in full satisfaction and discharge of all liabilities and obligations owed to CONTRACTOR with respect to the Work so terminated, the actual value of the Work performed. If CONTRACTOR has not begun work CONTRACTOR is not entitled to recover any amount from the City of Buchanan due to such termination.

Contractor agrees to accept this **fixed price contract** derived from the City of Buchanan's **sealed bid process** seeking prices for the work described in the associated Scope of Work.

#### **ARTICLE VIII General Rules:**

1. Contractor must obtain and pay for all necessary **permits and licenses** prior to starting the project and provide evidence there of and warranty work for 1 year from date of completion.
2. Contractor must obtain written consent prior to **sub-contracting** outside of those subcontractors approved as part of contract negotiations.
3. Contractor must obtain written consent from the City and the homeowner for **changes** to specifications which may warrant an official **change order** and contract amendment.
4. Contractor must keep the **premises clean and orderly** during repairs and remove all debris at the completion of daily work and comply with all required rehabilitation practices for the **Lead Safe Housing Rule**.

**ARTICLE IX Conflict of Interest** A code of conduct prohibits City of Buchanan elected officials, staff, or agents from personally benefiting from CDBG procurement. The policy prohibits the solicitation or acceptance of favors or gratuities from contractors or potential contractors. Sanctions or penalties for violations of the code of conduct by either subrecipients and/or beneficiary of funds officials, staff, or agents, or by contractors or their agents must be identified [2 CFR 200.318(c)]. Sanctions for contractors include restitution of fees, fines, repayment of project costs, termination of contract and/or legal remedies.

This housing rehabilitation program operates in full compliance with the **Michigan Construction Lien Act (PA 497 of 1980)**. Specifically, the City has agreed to adhere to the following provisions: 1. The grantee shall inform all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and laborers involved in CDBG funded homeowner rehabilitation projects about their rights and obligations under the [Michigan Construction Lien Act](#).

**ARTICLE XI COMPONENT PARTS OF THIS CONTRACT** - This contract consists of the following component parts, all of which are as fully a part of this contract as if herein set out verbatim or, if not attached, as if hereto attached:

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Advertisement For Bids         | 5. Contract & General Conditions |
| 2. Specifications & Packages      | 6. Contractor's Proposal         |
| 3. Non-Discrimination Certificate | 7. This Instrument               |
| 4. Instructions To Bidders        |                                  |

In event that any provision of the component parts of this contract conflicts with any provision in any other component parts, the provision in the component part first enumerated above shall govern over any other component part which follows it numerically, except as may be otherwise specifically stated.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF:** The parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed in four (4) original counterparts the day and year first written above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Company**

**City of Buchanan**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Authorized Official**

**Mayor Mark Weedon**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Authorized Official, Title**

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**Signature of Authorized Official, Title**

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**Business Address**

302 N Redbud Trail | Buchanan, MI 49107

**Business Address**

rmurphy@cityofbuchanan.com

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**Email Address of Primary Contact**

**Email Address of Primary Contact**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone Number**

**269-695-3844**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Homeowner 1's Name)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Homeowner 2's Name)**

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**Project Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Homeowner 1's Signature)**

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**(Homeowner 2's Signature)**