

Northampton County County-Wide Housing Rehabilitation Program

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Bethlehem Township
4225 Easton Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18020-1496

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Dear Bethlehem Township Officials:

I am writing with information on the Northampton County County-Wide Housing Rehabilitation Program ("the Program"), which may be able to benefit low-income homeowners within Bethlehem Township.

The Program may be able to provide low-income owner-occupants of single-family residences with a zero-interest, partially-forgivable, deferred-payment loan for up to \$20,000 in home improvements. The loan can cover a range of improvements necessary for health, safety, and code compliance requirements. Program staff will work closely with loan recipients to develop a scope of needed repairs, select a general contractor, and manage the construction process and disbursement of payments to the contractor. The Program is administered by the nonprofit Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley (CACLV) on behalf of Northampton County, and is funded by U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant funds.

Homeowners are eligible to apply to the Program if they meet the following requirements, at minimum:

- Owners must be permanent residents and owner-occupants of their single-family in Northampton County.
- Owners must be current on all property taxes.
- Owners must not have received housing rehabilitation assistance through this program, or any other housing rehabilitation program (excluding home weatherization or programs providing accessibility modification) within the past five (5) years.
- Owners' household income must be below eighty percent (80%) of Area Median Income per HUD guidelines.
- Other terms, conditions, and requirements apply. Program staff will review them in detail with applicants.

In the event that a low-income constituent contacts you regarding home repair assistance, please feel free to advise them of the Program. Interested applicants can call CACLV at **(610) 691-5620** between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to speak to Program staff for more information.

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Upon receipt of a call, Program staff will discuss the Program with the caller, and gather some basic information. The caller will be given a chance to request a chance on the waiting list as appropriate. As resources permit, the Program will invite applicants from the wait list to make application in the order inquiries were received. A seat on the wait list does not guarantee acceptance to the Program, but simply provides a caller the potential opportunity to receive application materials as resources permit.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the Program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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