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DSHA ANNOUNCES THE RECIPIENTS OF OVER \$2.1 MILLION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS & HOME FUNDS

The Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) today announced that 15 communities and scattered sites will receive funds from the state's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). More than \$2.1 million will be divided amongst the municipalities of Kent and Sussex Counties for housing rehabilitation, water/sewer hookups, sidewalk repair, and administration.

Governor Jack Markell said, "In this economy, homeowners may be deferring maintenance on their homes, which may have unintended consequences. Our goal is to help low-income homeowners stay in their homes long-term by assisting with necessary repairs, which not only improves the habitability of homes but also sustains the community."

DSHA Director Anas Ben Addi commented, "The Community Development Block Grant Program provides much-needed funding for a variety of housing activities in Kent and Sussex Counties. To help stretch these dollars, we've combined them with \$400,000 in HOME funds."

Recommendations for funding were made by an independent review panel whose members evaluate each application’s potential benefit to low-income persons, the management capacity of the applicant, and the cost benefit of the proposed activities, including: the severity of need, impact, cost reasonableness, and feasibility.

The following communities were awarded funding:

KENT COUNTY

<u>Location</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Countywide	Rehab Program Delivery	\$ 57,000
Scattered Emergency Repairs	Rehabilitation	\$ 35,000
East Woodside	Rehabilitation	\$ 37,600
Harrington	Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 77,550
Hartly Area	Sewer Hookups	\$ 33,000
High Point MHP	Rehabilitation	\$ 34,000
Lakeland/Beechwood MHPs	Rehabilitation	\$ 34,000
Milford Emergency Shelter	Rehabilitation	\$ 15,000
Scattered Sites	Rehabilitation	\$231,200
Smyrna	Rehabilitation	\$ 72,000

SUSSEX COUNTY

<u>Location</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Countywide	Rehab Program Delivery	\$ 57,000
Delmar	Rehabilitation	\$ 70,000
Ellendale	Rehabilitation	\$ 64,000
Laurel	Rehabilitation	\$ 72,000
Milford	Rehabilitation	\$ 72,000
Seaford	Rehabilitation	\$ 72,000
Scattered Sites	Rehabilitation	\$195,000

	Water/Sewer Hookups	\$ 60,000
Scattered Emergency Repairs	Rehabilitation	\$ 36,000
Rural Ellendale	Rehabilitation	\$ 64,000
Rural Lincoln/Greentop	Rehabilitation	\$ 64,000
Rural Millsboro/Dagsboro	Rehabilitation	\$ 64,000

Kent and Sussex Counties received a combined total of \$206,000 to administer the block grant funds.

The Community Development Block Grant Program will assist more than 152 families this year. Additionally, the HOME Scattered Sites Rehabilitation Program will help more than 24 families in need of housing rehabilitation.

If you would like to learn more about how these programs may be able to help your community, please contact Andy Lorenz at (302) 739-4263 or at andy@destatehousing.com.

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