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EMERGENCY MINOR HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LAUNCHES **Grant to Help Reduce Risk of Low-Income Homeowners from Becoming Homeless**

PEMBROKE, (ON): The County of Renfrew, in partnership with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is pleased to announce that funding for an Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program is open to low-income homeowners who require minor home repairs that will allow for continued safe occupancy of their home. This grant is available for eligible homeowners who are at risk of being homeless.

The Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program is provided in the form of a one-time grant up to the amount of \$5,000. Approved projects will be paid directly to the contractor. The household income must not exceed \$60,000 and the market value of the home must be at or below \$175,000. Participants must plan to remain in their home for at least five years and must be able to confirm they have exhausted all other funding sources available for home repairs.

Warden Peter Emon shared his view on the need for a funding program such as this. *"In Renfrew County we have a number of older homes which time to time are in need of urgent repair and sometimes our residents do not have access to funds to ensure the repair is completed at the time when need is most urgent. This funding provides assistance to ensure they do not have to live in discomfort or less than ideal circumstances while they struggle to accumulate the funds necessary to complete the repairs."*

Carol Neill, General Manager of Renfrew County Housing Corporation echoed the Warden's comment by saying *"The Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program will assist in meeting the needs of our local homeowners to remain housed, by providing funding to those who have exhausted all other options for their home repairs."*

The program funding is limited and is based on first come first serve. There is a formal application process that is administered through Renfrew County Housing Corporation. The application must provide supporting information and documentation as required, and incomplete applications will not be considered for program funding.

For more information on this new program, or to request an application form, please contact the Renfrew County Housing Corporation at 613-432-3679 or visit www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca.

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