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PLAINFIELD HELPS FAMILIES REHABILITATE THEIR HOMES

Plainfield, New Jersey--Mayor Sharon Robinson-Briggs and the City of Plainfield, allocate \$393,000 to rehabilitate Plainfield homes. The City's Comprehensive Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) will make available up to \$22,500 for one family, \$32,500 for two family and \$42,500 for three family owner-occupied homes, to repair or replace heating systems, plumbing or electrical systems; structural repairs; repairs to correct code violations; lead based paint remediation or stabilization measures and energy saving measures such as insulation, new windows and doors. "The program is designed to improve one to three family homes" said Mayor Robinson-Briggs and "It is available to low and moderate income homeowners.

Eligibility is based on data published annually by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD. All assistance is in the form of an interest free deferred loan, payable upon the sale of the property or a change in title.

Mayor Robinson-Briggs indicated that the program is consumer friendly and supportive: Assuring that "Program staff will meet with potential applicants and will explain the program guidelines, assist with the application and schedule a property inspection. Additionally, staff will prepare a detailed work write-up, review the contractor bids, perform progress inspections to ensure quality work, and perform a final inspection at the completion of the work. "

Funding for this initiative comes from the City's allocation of Community Development Block Grant Program funds (CDBG), secured through the County of Union and the US Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

For further information and to apply to the CHAP, please call the City of Plainfield Office of Community Development and at 908-753-3377, 908-226-2514 or 908-753-3233.