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City of Rocky Mount accepting applications for two housing repair programs

Rocky Mount, N.C. – The city of Rocky Mount’s Community Development Department is accepting applications for its Housing Repair and Workforce Housing Repair programs.

Both programs seek to promote neighborhood stability and preserve the existing supply of single-family homes by assisting low- to moderate-income homeowners with grants of up to \$15,000 for rehabilitation improvements in houses that are at least 40 years old.

Residents earning up to 80% of the Area Median Income are eligible for the Housing Repair program. The Workforce Housing Repair program is for residents earning between 80% and 125% of Area Median Income.

Applicants for either program must own and live in a home within the city limits of Rocky Mount that is at least 40 years old. They must provide written evidence of insurance coverage for liability, casualty, and flood damage if located in flood zone. They also must be current on city and county taxes; city utility bills and have no liens against the property for weed abatement or improvements.

Eligible repairs include energy efficiency improvements (replacement windows and doors), system upgrades (i.e. plumbing, electrical and HVAC), roof repair and/or replacement and gutters, water heater replacement, lead, mold, and asbestos abatement/remediation, accessibility features for entering and existing the home (i.e. wheelchair ramps, stair rails) and grab bars in bathrooms and installing smoke alarms. If the property is under the minimum housing code, the scope of work must satisfy all code violations.

Funding sources for the Housing Repair program include \$125,000 from the city of Rocky Mount and \$81,335.52 from a Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant. The city of Rocky Mount has set aside \$200,000 to fund the Workforce Housing Repair program.

Applications for the Housing Repair and Workforce Housing Repair programs will be accepted through Dec. 9. For more information, go online and visit <https://rockymountnc.gov/housing-grants-programs/> or call 252-972-1100.

About Rocky Mount

The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. The city was recognized as one of 10 winners nationwide of the 2020-21 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 54,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community toward a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit www.rockymountnc.gov for news and updates.

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