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CITY OF PORT JERVIS AWARDED \$350,000 NYS AHC GRANT

Ten Homeowners to Receive Housing Rehab Assistance

Partnering with the Port Jervis Community Development Agency and RECAP, Inc. of Middletown, the city of Port Jervis is happy to announce the recent award of a \$350,000 grant by the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC). This grant will be used to rehabilitate ten single-family detached owner occupied homes within the city. Weatherization, roofs, electrical and heating unit upgrades and lead and asbestos issues will be the primary targets.

The AHC funds will be leveraged by an additional \$165,000 from the Port Jervis Community Development Agency (PJCD) making a total of \$515,000 in program funding. The PJCD monies were made possible through its revolving loan programs built over twenty years of community lending. "My board of directors and the Port Jervis Common Council were very supportive of the grant, collaboration with RECAP and the time energy it took to write this extensive submission. It was the first time the city applied for an AHC grant and we look forward to building a positive working relationship with another NYS agency," said Valerie Maginsky, PJCD Executive Director.

Of the award and program, Port Jervis Mayor Decker said, "We have a lot of homes that need improvements and a lot of hardworking residents who could use some help. It is a perfect opportunity to put these monies to work and is a perfect example of a combined community effort."

The maximum income eligibility limit will be 112% of the HUD Low Income Limits for Orange County, meaning a family of four with income of up to \$74,458 would be eligible to apply for home improvement assistance. Three of the ten homes will be allocated to seniors, veterans and or disabled households.

RECAP, the Regional Economic Community Action Program, Inc., of Middletown, NY with its expertise in community development and housing will manage and administer elements of the program. RECAP, Inc. has performed weatherization improvements over many years in Port Jervis, maintains a Head Start program and a housing facility for single adults within the city. Joseph Czajka, RECAP Executive Director, said "These funds will assist many families in need of home improvements and represents another terrific private-public partnership. We are pleased to have assisted the city in the application process and look forward to working together on this project."

After additional paperwork is completed and the project is fully cleared to commence, the application period will be widely advertised. In the meantime, interested certified Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) are encouraged to contact the PJCD at PJCD@frontiernet.net to join a qualified vendors list.

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