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Community Development Receives Grant for Repair Program

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – Low-income citizens may qualify for up to \$6,000 for urgent repairs to their homes through Cumberland County Community Development. The department is seeking to assist at least 12 households beginning around Oct. 1. CCCD has been awarded \$37,500 from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency for the 2011 Urgent Repair Program. CCCD will provide \$18,750 in matching funds to implement the program.

Households must meet certain eligibility criteria to qualify for the program. The program provides funds to assist homeowners in addressing housing conditions which pose imminent threats to their life or safety, or repairs necessary to prevent displacement. The target households are very-low and low-income homeowners, such as frail elderly and persons with disabilities.

To be considered for eligibility, a homeowner must:

- Reside in Cumberland County, but outside city limits of Fayetteville.
- Must own and occupy home in need of repair.
- Must have a household income which does not exceed 50 percent of the County median income for household size.

The Urgent Repair Program, established in 1994, has become a key component in the tool kits of a wide variety of housing service providers within North Carolina. The Urgent Repair Program has received special recognition on two different occasions from the National Council of State Housing Agencies. To date, the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency has committed \$31 million in Urgent Repair Program funds to organizations like Community Development to assist low-income homeowners in all 100 counties.

For more information on the Urgent Repair Program, contact Community Development at (910) 323-6112. The office is located at 245 Person Street, 2nd floor, Fayetteville, NC 28301. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Also, for more information, go online at http://co.cumberland.nc.us/community_dev.aspx

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