

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

The Town of Lincoln historically receives a grant award from the State Department of Administration, Office of Housing and Community Development to assist residents in repairing and making improvements to their homes. The source of funding is the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, allocated to the individual states by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The primary goal of the Program is to provide financial assistance to ensure decent, safe and suitable housing for persons of low to moderate income. Grants are awarded on the basis of need and are available to eligible applicants up to a maximum amount of \$10,000 per dwelling in any given grant year.

A limited amount of funds are available for rehabilitation. Grants are generally awarded on a first come first serve basis for completed applications. Preference is given, but not limited to persons of very low income, elderly and disabled applicants. The Program is administered through the Town of Lincoln Housing Department, 100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI 02865.

There are basically two grant categories available under the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

A. 100% Grants - These grants are intended to assist low income home owners who cannot qualify for a loan or do not have the financial resources to make the necessary improvements to their dwellings. The maximum grant available is \$10,000 in any given grant year; applicants are limited to one grant in a five year period.

B. 50% Grants - These grants are intended to assist home owners who have the resources to pay for one half of the home improvement cost. These grants provide the eligible applicant with a grant of 50% of the total cost needed to accomplish the necessary improvements. The applicant is expected to provide the remaining 50% of the project cost. The maximum 50% grant available is \$5,000 in any given grant year, based on the maximum project improvement cost of \$10,000; applicants are limited to one grant in a five year period.

All procedures and provisions of the Housing Rehabilitation Program are subject to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of Rhode Island, Department of Administration. Any exception to these regulations for individual special cases will be determined by the Town. The Town, at its discretion, may waive the maximum grant amount on a case by case basis.

(NOTE: HUD requires that all chipping or peeling of lead based paint be removed from the interior and exterior of a dwelling before the dwelling is rehabilitated with HUD funds. The cost of removal of a lead paint hazard, when added to the cost of necessary repairs, may exceed \$10,000.)

Applications for assistance are available in the Housing Department at Town Hall or by calling 401.333.8431.

Complete guidelines are available on the right under Documents.