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SINGLE FAMILY REHAB - HOUSING REPAIR PROGRAM TO BE FUNDED

A program to help low, very low and extremely low-income Homeowners in Jackson, Perry, Randolph and Monroe Counties make repairs to their houses is to be funded. Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council (WEEOC) will assist approximately 7 families over the next 2 years using the State Housing Trust Fund Single Family Rehab (SFR) grant funded by the Illinois Housing Development Authority. There will be a five (5) day sign up period so interested families should contact us as soon as possible starting at **9:00 AM Monday, May 22, 2017 to 4:30 PM Friday, May 26, 2017**. There is an existing waiting list for this program. The sign up period ends at **4:30 PM Friday, May 26, 2017**. You can call us at 618-965-3193.

The income requirement for SFR Program is to be low-income or below (see chart below).

<u># of Persons in Family/Household</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Income – SFR (80% of Median Income)</u>		
	Jackson & Perry	Monroe County	Randolph County
1	\$33,850	\$41,750	\$35,600
2	\$38,650	\$47,700	\$40,650
3	\$43,500	\$53,650	\$45,750
4	\$48,300	\$59,600	\$50,800
5	\$52,200	\$64,400	\$54,900
6	\$56,050	\$69,150	\$58,950

Ask about income limits for larger families

However, each program has certain other eligibility factors that will be explained when you apply. Applications are prioritized to assist the elderly, disabled and very-low income first.

Housing Coordinator, Robert Schroeder, explained that the amount of assistance you may receive depends on the problem for the house and the funds available per house, but may include needed repairs or replacements such as roofing, windows, doors, electrical, furnace and plumbing and it is free! The maximum repair and related costs limit is \$35,000 per home. He said that there could still be a wait for the SFR program as funding is limited, there is an existing waiting list, and the elderly, disabled, very low-income and extremely low-income households are given priority.

WEEOC operates many housing related programs and has effective referral sources for many others. Some of the other housing programs are Weatherization and Rural Development Home Repair. Michelle Guebert, who coordinates applications taken for many of these programs stated that all you have to do to get started is call in and answer a few simple questions to help us determine what programs may be best for the caller. She explained that these are **not** emergency response programs, the application process can take time and a waiting list is involved.

Remember the times to contact us for getting on the home rehabilitation waiting list are between **9:00 am–4:30 pm Monday – Friday from 5/22/17 to 5/26/17**. Write-in and walk-in requests are also accepted but the program list is first come first serve and therefore, it is usually best to call us as this is normally the quickest way possible to make contact.

Mr. Schroeder added that the work goes on year round and we are always interested in talking to general contractors and subcontractors who may be interested in doing some of the work. **To apply for the Rehabilitation Program call 618-965-3193.**

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Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council (WEEOC) announced today that the State Housing Trust Fund Single Family Rehab (SFR) Program had been funded by the Illinois Housing Development Authority. This SFR Program is available in Jackson, Monroe, Perry and Randolph Counties. There is heavy demand for the program and there is an existing waiting list.

The main eligibility requirements for the program are for the household to be low-income and to be the owner occupants. The amount of repair assistance depends on the problems with the house and the funds available per house, but may include needed health and safety repairs such as roofing, windows, doors, electrical, furnace and plumbing and it is free! The maximum repair and related costs limit is \$35,000 per home. There will be a five (5) day sign up period so interested families should contact us as soon as possible, Monday through Friday, starting at 9:00 AM Monday, May 22, 2017. The sign up period ends at 4:30 PM Friday, May 26, 2017. Interested persons should call 618-965-3193 between 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.