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City of Colonial Heights Announces the 2012-13 CDBG Emergency Home Repair Program

The City of Colonial Heights announced today the start of the 2012-13 Community Development Block Grant Emergency Home Repair Program, which provides eligible households grants of up to \$8,000 to assist with home maintenance and/or upgrades.

Grants are available for owner-occupied households to assist with home repairs or activities that eliminate conditions detrimental to the safety and health of the residents. Eligible homeowners must meet income eligibility guidelines based on HUD requirements.

Eligible activities or repairs include, but are not limited to:

- faulty roofs,
- unsafe electrical, heating or plumbing systems,
- faulty porches and steps, and
- accessibility improvements.

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“This is a great program that improves housing conditions and provides opportunities for certain residents to upgrade their quality of life,” noted Colonial Heights City Manager Tom Mattis. “This program has particular significance in today’s economy as most of the participants receive home repairs they otherwise would be unable to afford.”

The program is available citywide; although priority will be given to households in the Violet Bank-Flora Hill and Shepherd Stadium districts. Priority will also be given to low-income households, persons who are elderly or disabled, first-time applicants and those that need repairs that constitute an emergency.

Applications for the 2012-13 Community Development Block Grant Emergency Home Repair Program are being accepted through June 30, 2012.

Contact the Planning Department at 804-520-9382 with any questions, or to request an application. Applications are also available on the City’s website <http://www.colonialheightsva.gov/index.aspx?NID=272>.

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