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**RENFREW COUNTY HOUSING CORPORATION OFFERS SUPPORT**

**Grant to Help Reduce Risk of Low-Income Homeowners from Becoming Homeless**

**PEMBROKE (ON):** The County of Renfrew, in partnership with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is pleased to offer funding for the **Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program** to low-income homeowners who require minor home repairs that will allow for the continued safe occupancy of their home. This grant is available for eligible homeowners who are at risk of being homeless.

The Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program is provided in the form of a one-time grant up to the amount of \$5,000. Approved projects will be paid directly to the contractor. The household income must not exceed \$60,000 and the market value of the home must be at or below \$175,000. Participants must plan to remain in their home for at least five years and must be able to confirm they have exhausted all other funding sources available for home repairs.

James Brose, Chair of the Renfrew County Housing Corporation Board of Directors said, *“We are very pleased with the impact that this program makes in the prevention of homelessness in our communities.”*

Warden of the County of Renfrew Debbie Robinson shared this; *“The Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program will assist in meeting the needs of our local homeowners to remain housed, by providing funding to those who have exhausted all other options for their home repairs.”*

The program funding is limited and is based on first come first serve. There is a formal application process that is administered through Renfrew County Housing Corporation. The application must provide supporting information and documentation as required, and incomplete applications will not be considered for program funding.

For more information on this new program, or to request an application form, please contact the Renfrew County Housing Corporation at 613-432-3679 or visit [www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca](http://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca)

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