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Housing Repair Assistance in the Montachusett Region

Several agencies administer programs that can assist homeowners and landlords in the Montachusett region to make repairs to their property, or help eligible homeowners and tenants pay utility bills.

The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission - Community Development staff compiled this summary as a community service. Please contact the programs directly for current information about eligibility requirements, program guidelines and availability of assistance.

Montachusett Opportunity Council

The Montachusett Opportunity Council manages several assistance programs funded by the federal government or Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These programs can provide eligible households with emergency repair assistance; help pay for fuel, water and sewer bills; repair or replace a furnace; or obtain energy audits and insulation.

CONTACT: Montachusett Opportunity Council
66 Day Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
Tel: (978) 342-7013

Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc.

The *Elder Home Repair Program* targets assistance to homeowners aged 60 and over. The program corrects unsafe housing conditions that threaten the health and safety of elders. Staff members inspect properties to identify necessary repairs and provide the repair services.

CONTACT: Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc.
Elder Home Repair
7-11 Bellevue Street
Worcester, MA 01609
Tel: (508) 755-1105

US Department of Agriculture – Rural Development

Rural Development – formerly known as the Farmer’s Home Administration – targets its assistance to small towns and rural areas with population under 20,000.

The Section 504 Program provides eligible homeowners with loans and grants for repairs to improve the occupants’ health and safety. Homeowners may qualify for 20-year, low interest loans up to \$20,000. Elder homeowners aged 62 or over may qualify for grants up to \$7,500. Combine a loan and grant for a total of \$27,500 of assistance.

CONTACT: Rural Development
52 Borden Street
Holden, MA 01520
Tel: (508) 829-4477

MassHousing

MassHousing is a statewide agency that offers a variety of programs that support affordable housing and homeownership throughout the Commonwealth. Local agencies administer the program in each community.

The Home Improvement Loan Program (HILP) provides low interest loans to eligible homeowners and landlords for general code improvements or repairs, and for lead paint abatement.

The Get The Lead Out Program provides low interest loans to eligible property owners to abate lead paint hazards in their residential property.

The Septic Repair Loan Program provides loans to homeowners to repair or upgrade their residential septic system to meet Title 5 requirements.

CONTACT: MassHousing
One Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108
Tel: (617) 854-1000 TDD: (617) 854-1025

Community Development Block Grant

Federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are awarded to states and municipal governments, which provide loans to repair health and safety code violations and abate lead paint and asbestos hazards for eligible households.

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