

# Housing Rehabilitation Grants Available

Somerset County low- or moderate-income residents who need to make renovations to their homes may be eligible for assistance through the Somerset County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program.

The program is open to 19 of Somerset County's municipalities. Franklin Township and Far Hills are not eligible for the program. Also, owners of affordable-housing are not eligible as they already have benefited from a program designed to make housing affordable.

"The CDBG Housing Rehabilitation program provides assistance to eligible homeowners who need to renovate or replace substandard heating, electrical or plumbing systems," said Freeholder Deputy Director Peter S. Palmer, human services division liaison.

"Program funds also can be used to make structural repairs, alterations to correct code violations, improvements designed to reduce operating expenses and other repair work necessary for upgrading existing homes to standard condition."

Block grant funds are used to provide up to \$18,000 of rehabilitation assistance to homeowners who meet household-income criteria. Funding for the program is provided by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

For more information, prospective applicants should call Tracey Rizk of the Somerset County Community Development Office at (908) 541-5756 or email her at [Rizk@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:Rizk@co.somerset.nj.us).