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HOME REHAB PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN CITY OF BUFFALO

Matt Urban Center and Heart of the City Neighborhoods have funding for code related repairs

Buffalo, NY – Home repair assistance through Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency's (BURA) 50/50 and Target/Focus Area Programs may now be available to homeowners in the Matt Urban Center and Heart of the City Neighborhoods service areas. Both programs provide zero interest conditional grants to address code related repairs and lead based paint hazard reductions to one- and two-family homes.

50/50 Program provides funding for one half of rehab costs up to \$25,000 to properties within the City of Buffalo while the Target Street program requires that homes be located on particular streets within an agency's service area. Both programs have eligibility requirements that take into account household income to be within the federal low-income guidelines.

Residents are encouraged to contact their Community Based Organization (CBO) for more information on these programs. If they are unsure of their assigned CBO, they can refer to the Lookup Tool or map provided by BURA.

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About the Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of WNY

The Matt Urban Center is a human services organization that has been serving the East Side of Buffalo for 45 years with the mission of providing programs that revitalize neighborhoods, serve families, and change lives. Our agency serves thousands of residents annually, from youth to seniors and homeless individuals to homeowners. For more information on programs and services visit the Matt Urban Center website.

About Heart of the City Neighborhoods

Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc. is a non-profit organization that exists to create, facilitate, and support housing and neighborhood development in Buffalo's core communities. This is accomplished by creating

programs to improve the quality of residential housing, and by developing sustainable projects to improve Buffalo's core communities. For more information on programs and services visit the <u>HOCN website</u>.

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