



NOTICE



North Carolina Housing Finance Agency COLUMBUS COUNTY 2012 URGENT REPAIRS PROGRAM

Columbus County is eligible to receive an Urgent Repairs Program Grant from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency in the amount of \$75,000.00. This program has two goals:

- a) to alleviate some of the housing conditions that pose an imminent threat to the life, health, and safety of very low-income homeowners with special needs; and,
- b) to provide accessibility modifications and other repairs necessary to prevent displacement of very low-income homeowners with special needs, such as frail, elderly individuals and persons with disabilities.

The maximum amount of grant dollars that can be spent per home is \$5,000.00. Eligible repairs may include the addition of hand rails and handicap ramps, replacement of structurally failed roof systems and repairs on excessive roof leaks, deteriorated porches, failed heating systems, elimination of unsafe electrical or plumbing hazards, and repairs necessary to prevent displacement from the home.

Homeowners that would qualify for this program would have to be in one of the following categories:

- Homeowner whom is at least 62 years of age;
- Handicapped or disabled who are very low-income;
- Single parent Homeowner with at least one dependent child residing in the residence;
- Elevated blood level child: A child below the age of six that has been tested and determined to have an elevated blood level between 10ug/dl and 19 ug/dl
- Five or more persons in the household, which pose an over-crowding situation.

Rental property is **not** eligible to receive assistance. Only Owner-occupied housing units are eligible to receive assistance under this program. The entire household must be very low-income to be eligible to receive assistance. Mobile homes, duplexes and tri-plexes and the like are not eligible for assistance with this program.

URP 2012 Income Limits for Columbus County

Number in Household	30% of Median (very-low income)	50% of Median (low income)
1	\$10,550.00	\$17,600.00
2	\$12,050.00	\$20,100.00
3	\$13,450.00	\$22,450.00
4	\$14,950.00	\$24,950.00
5	\$16,150.00	\$26,950.00
6	\$17,350.00	\$28,950.00
7	\$18,550.00	\$30,950.00
8	\$19,750.00	\$32,950.00

Housing Rehabilitation Surveys for housing assistance under this program are available at the following locations: Columbus County Administrative Office, Columbus County Department Aging, Columbus County Health Department, Columbus County Building Inspections Department, Columbus County Department of Social Services and Columbus County Veteran's Services

Please return applications to: The Columbus County Administrative Office at 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC 28472 – If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Natalie Carroll – Telephone: (910) 640-6600.

COLUMBUS COUNTY
Urgent Repair Survey
2012 URGENT REPAIRS GRANT PROJECT

Columbus County will be applying for a grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency for Urgent Repairs. The maximum amount of grant dollars that can be spent per home is \$5,000.00 for repairs. Eligible repairs may include: the addition of hand rails and/or a handicap ramp, replacement of structurally failed roof systems and repairs on excessive roof leaks, repairs to deteriorated porches, failed heating systems, elimination of unsafe electrical or plumbing hazards, and repairs necessary to prevent displacement from the home. However, if it is determined that urgent repairs of the property is feasible then the unit must have the capacity to be secured with a Promissory Note and Deed of Trust.

The 2010 Columbus County Urgent Repairs Program provides funds to:

- alleviate housing conditions which pose an imminent threat to the life, health, or safety of very low-income homeowners with special needs; and,
- to provide accessibility modifications and other repairs necessary to prevent the imminent displacement of very low-income homeowners with special accessibility needs, such as frail elderly and persons with disabilities.

Please read the attached "NOTICE" prior to completing the survey, which outlines the Income eligible guidelines for this program. Please complete the following information as requested below. This is only a survey showing that you have an interest in this program. Completing this survey does not obligate you in any way in participating in this grant project. Completing this survey also will not mean that your home is automatically approved or eligible for any type of assistance under this program.

Once a survey is submitted, it could take months before you are contacted regarding the status of this survey. We ask that you complete the information requested. Applicants will be contacted by telephone or by mail as your survey comes up for review. This grant project is anticipated to last 2 years and will depend on the County's ability to secure qualified contractors who can perform the work that is needed on each home, which is chosen. Surveys that are found to be ineligible for assistance will **not** receive notification that the home is ineligible for assistance due to the high volume of surveys we receive. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Name of Property Owner: _____

Street Address or State Road Number: _____

Mailing Address, if different from the address shown above: _____

Telephone Number: (910) _____

How did you hear about this program? _____

In the spaces provided below, please list the conditions that make your home a **severe** housing unit. (**Examples** of **severe** housing conditions: no heating system in the home; failed heating system; hazardous and faulty electrical system, floors that are rotten or sagging; plumbing leaks, no indoor plumbing). _____

Household Information and Income

Please provide the following information on all household members who live in the home, including yourself:

Name of Household Members	Gross Monthly Income	SS #	Source of Income	Age	Sex	Race	If Individual is Handicapped <i>(Please Check Below)</i>

Is the head of the household also the owner of the property? **(Check one)** Yes No
(All homes that receive assistance under this program must be owner-occupied. Mobile homes, duplexes, and triplexes are not eligible to receive assistance)

Please **attach** proof of income of everyone that lives in the home and a copy of your Deed to prove ownership of the property or please list the name(s) in which the property is listed on the County tax records. (Ownership of the property is **required** in order to participate in this grant project). _____

Does the owner of this property have a **clear** title to the property? **(Check one)** Yes No

Is the property currently under a mortgage with a bank or other lending institution?
(Check one) Yes No

Are all property taxes currently paid on the property? Yes No

I, as the Homeowner of this property certify that the information provided in this Urgent Repair Survey is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any deliberate misrepresentation of the information provided may disqualify my survey from being considered for assistance under this program. Please insure that all persons residing in the household have been listed on the application, and that all GROSS monthly incomes have been reflected. Please note that all information contained in this survey will remain confidential, and please note that all incomes and information reflected will need to be verified if your survey is selected under the Columbus County Urgent Repairs Program.

 Signature of Applicant (Homeowner)

Please mail this Urgent Repair Survey and a copy of the deed to your property to the following address:
 If you should have any questions regarding the survey, please feel free to contact at (910) 640-6600.

******PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY DOES NOT GUARANTEE SERVICE******

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 Attn: Natalie Carroll
 111 Washington Street
 Whiteville, North Carolina 28472