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Earlham Housing Rehabilitation Program

(Earlham, Iowa) – The City of Earlham has been awarded \$207,500 in Community Development Block Grant funds to rehabilitate five owner-occupied homes located within a predetermined target area in southwestern Earlham. The Southern Iowa Council of Governments (SICOG) will administer this housing rehabilitation program. The rehabilitation work is done at no cost to the homeowner. Basic program information (including income guidelines) and a map of the target area are available at Earlham City Hall or from the city's website: <http://www.earlham-ia.org>.

Low to moderate income residents who own and live in homes located within the target area are invited to come to Earlham City Hall on Wednesday, November 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or on Thursday, December 1 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Staff from SICOG will be available during those times to answer questions about the program and provide application packets and instructions for those wishing to apply to have their home rehabilitated. No appointments are required.

Upon completion, all homes rehabilitated by this program will meet Iowa's Minimum Rehabilitation Standards. Work may include, but is not limited to: roofing, siding, painting, window and door replacement, furnace and water heater replacements, electrical and plumbing upgrades, weatherization and insulation, and other work as identified as necessary and feasible with the funds available. Licensed and insured contractors, selected through a public bidding process, will complete the construction work. Requirements for contractors interested in bidding on these housing rehabilitation projects will be provided upon request.

Homeowners unable to attend the November 30th or December 1st informational sessions with SICOG staff may pick up application packets from Earlham City Hall beginning December 2. Application forms, complete with all required supporting documents, must be returned to SICOG by January 16, 2017.