

Peru Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab Pre-Apps Sought

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Early response from interested homeowners is being sought for a potential Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab program in the City of Peru. Before a program is a reality for the City of Peru, the City Council has suggested pre-applications to be sent out to gauge community interest. To accomplish this, the City will be sending out an information packet in the coming days including a Program Facts brochure, a Housing Rehab Program brochure, a Pre-Application and a return envelope addressed to SENDD for your Pre-Application.

Citizens like you will play a key role in the approval of this application. By demonstrating the level of need, the City of Peru has a better chance to secure this competitive grant. Your response here will also help the city to gain a general understanding of housing improvement needs in Peru. If the city gets funded, individual awards will depend both on order of received pre-application and need-based scoring as determined by a Housing Board. The Humboldt SENDD office will gather these pre-applications and will keep them confidential throughout the process.

SENDH Humboldt staff cautions that funding is not guaranteed and that award information will not be known until late 2012 with construction beginning early 2013 and continuing into 2014. If funded, the City of Peru would be able to rehab 8 owner-occupied homes totaling \$250,000. **RENTERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.** If awarded, SENDD will contact pre-applicants and begin the process of selecting project sites.

WHO IS A LIKELY REHAB CANDIDATE & WHAT IS REHAB? The top priority is to help those in the lowest income brackets with home improvements. The most likely funded homes will fall into Category 1 or 50% of median income. Those falling into Category 2 or 80% of median income are also encouraged to apply, as projects could get funded outside of Category 1 applicants. Construction needs specific to each home will be determined by an inspection of the home, but typically includes heating, plumbing, roofs, windows & doors, etc. The maximum amount of repairs total \$24,950. More information will be included in the “Program Facts” and “Program Brochure” that are included in the mailer, so please review and retain these documents. Income guidelines are below:

Household size	MODERATE LEVEL Annual Maximum Income allowed for participation	Annual Income level used to identify those households with the greatest need first.
	80% of Median = Cat. 2 50% Repaid 0% Interest 10 yr. 50 % Forgiven/10 year	50% of Median = Cat. 1 100% forgiven over a 5 year period
1-Person Household	32,200	20,150
2-Person Household	36,800	23,000
3-Person Household	41,400	25,900
4-Person Household	46,000	28,750
5-Person Household	49,700	31,050
6-Person Household	53,400	33,350
7-Person Household	57,050	35,650
8-Person Household	60,750	37,950

If you are interested in housing rehab assistance, please complete and return the pre-application form by May 1, 2012.

If you are a homeowner and a resident of the City of Peru and do not receive a Pre-Application in the mail, please contact the City Clerk's office (402) 872-6685 or call/email the SENDD office to receive an application SENDD's telephone number is (402) 862-2201 or you may send an email to senddlisa@windstream.net

NOTE TO Editors: Feel free to edit to suit time frame/space available. You could also run story as a "note" without the income listings.