

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Lackawanna County Office of Economic and Community Development administers federal, state and local funded housing rehabilitation assistance programs on behalf of thirty-eight municipalities within the County of Lackawanna. These programs, often funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and/or the County of Lackawanna, involve the investment of public dollars for private housing rehabilitation purposes.

The primary objective of federal/state/local funded housing rehabilitation programs is to provide tangible, financial assistance to individuals and families who, due to limited financial means, are forced to reside in homes which are unsafe, unsanitary, and generally lacking in energy efficiency. The secondary objective is to utilize public funding as a catalyst to generate private investment in the upgrading and repair of deficient housing. The programs are designed to refurbish homes which have physical deficiencies that pose health and safety threats to the occupants of the structure. Financial assistance provided through these programs extends the useful life of residential housing units in Lackawanna County and ultimately preserves the existing housing stock in targeted areas. Rehabilitation assistance is provided in the form of “conditional grants” to low and moderate income households in Lackawanna County.

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