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Major Grant for New Housing Rehabilitation Program in the Village Of Brockport

The Village of Brockport announced today that the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation has awarded a grant of \$400,000 to create a housing rehabilitation program in the Village. The program will be administered by the Rural Housing Opportunities Corporation, an affiliate of PathStone Corporation (formerly Rural Opportunities).

The grant will be used to finance structural repairs; the installation of updated heating, plumbing, electrical and energy conservation systems; modifications to increase accessibility; and other improvements necessary for safety or code compliance.

Approximately 30 (or more) Village of Brockport, owner-occupied homes will be assisted with the funds. The program will provide funding to low and moderate income families that meet income qualifying guidelines. For example, households earning \$51,000 or less for a family of four will be eligible for the program.

The \$400,000 grant will be combined with other funding opportunities (local grants, loans, etc.) that will result in significant funds being made available to Brockport homeowners.

“These programs make a very positive contribution to a community’s health,” said Dale Prunoske, Director of Housing Rehabilitation Programs for Pathstone, and a SUNY Brockport graduate. “We are excited to begin working in Brockport.”

“This is great news for our continuing effort to improve our housing stock and our neighborhoods,” said David Wagenhauser, Village of Brockport Trustee. The grant was pursued by Wagenhauser as part of a Housing Initiative he launched in 2006. To date, housing improvement actions include: a grant for assistance with historic homes; new codes to improve the safety of rental housing; and tax abatements for improvements to Village homes.

“This grant will make a big difference for many homeowners struggling to maintain their homes,” added Wagenhauser. “We are very grateful to Mr. Prunoske and PathStone for their assistance and look forward to working closely with them in the future.”

It is anticipated that funds will be available on or about March 1, 2009. Interested homeowners may contact PathStone at 442-2030 for an application after January 1, 2009.

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