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City of White Plains Updates Community Development Guidelines to Better Assist Low Income Homeowners with Roofing, Plumbing, Heating, and other Home Repairs

Assistance for storefronts to also be provided

White Plains, NY – March 6, 2020. At its March 2nd meeting the Common Council adopted new guidelines for the Community Development Rehabilitation program. These updated guidelines strengthen the City’s commitment to preserve residential neighborhoods by expanding the types of eligible rehabilitation projects to include cooperative apartments and condominiums, commercial storefronts, and soft cost expenses, such as required engineering and/or architectural drawings. Single and multi-family homes also remain eligible under the new guidelines.

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach said, “The Community Development Rehabilitation Program, which is funded through a grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, has provided over \$14 million to facilitate the rehabilitation of over 1,700 single family homes and over 3000 multi-family dwelling units. The newly adopted guidelines will further strengthen the City’s ability to assist homeowners.”

Christopher Gomez, Commissioner of Planning applauded the Council’s actions. “All of these grant funds support White Plains community members who may be struggling financially to maintain their homes and businesses. The Planning Department is pleased to be able to offer assistance with financing, as well as supporting participants through all phases of the rehabilitation process.”

Participants must “income-qualify” for assistance. If eligible, funds may be available to assist with roofing, plumbing, heating, siding, or handicapped accessibility. For more information or to inquire about participating, contact the Planning Department at (914) 422-1300 or www.cityofwhiteplains.com/communitydevelopment.

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