Four Indiana communities receive \$1.65M to help low-moderate income homeowners

INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 24, 2024) – Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs today announced four Indiana communities are awarded Owner Occupied Rehabilitation grants totaling \$1,650,000. The grants will be used to empower these Indiana communities to directly fund homeowners of low-to-moderate income to make needed repairs on their homes.

"All Hoosiers deserve to live in safe and affordable housing across Indiana," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "These grants will help individual homeowners maintain and improve their homes, allowing the entire community to thrive."

Communities awarded will set up a program to help fund low- and moderate-income homeowners to make repairs on their homes. Eligible repairs include roof repair or replacement, ADA accessibility, heating and cooling replacement, lighting and electrical upgrades, and water heater replacement.

"This is much needed financial assistance for homeowners to make vital repairs on their homes," said OCRA Executive Director Duke Bennett. "Congratulations to the four communities who earned this grant. It is always encouraging to see communities seek out grant opportunities to directly improve their residents' quality of life."

Owner Occupied Rehabilitation grants are awarded to the following Hoosier communities:

- Montgomery County is awarded \$450,000
- Switzerland County is awarded \$500,000
- The City of Lawrenceburg is awarded \$350,000
- The City of Rushville is awarded \$350,000

The State of Indiana distributes the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant funds to rural communities to assist units of local government with various community projects.

For more information, visit in.gov/ocra/cdbg/owner-occupied-rehabilitation-program/.

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Under the leadership of <u>Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch</u>, who serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs' (OCRA) mission is to work with local, state and national partners to provide resources and technical assistance to assist communities in shaping and achieving their vision for community and economic development. For more information, visit ocra.in.gov.