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CITY OF WARREN CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF HELPING
HOMEOWNERS WITH RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

*DEFERRED LOAN PROGRAM HAS HELPED HUNDREDS OF WARREN RESIDENTS
BRING THEIR HOMES UP TO CODE AND ELIMINATE LEAD HAZARDS*

Warren, MI (July 15, 2025) – The City of Warren's Residential Rehabilitation Program is celebrating 40 years of helping eligible homeowners ensure their properties are safe, sanitary, and secure. Throughout the past four decades, this invaluable, federally funded program has been a cornerstone of the City's commitment to maintaining a stock of habitable single-family housing, assisting hundreds of Warren homeowners in making critical improvements to their residences through a low-to-no-interest loan structure that removes financial barriers to essential repairs and safety upgrades.

Through the program, income-eligible residents may qualify for deferred loans of up to \$35,000 to bring homes up to code and abate lead-based paint hazards, as applicable. These loans require no periodic payments, and do not accrue interest; instead, they take the form of a lien on title, with payment coming due upon the event that the home is no longer the homeowner's primary residence.

Typical improvements funded through the program include roof repairs, water heater and furnace upgrades, window replacement, siding installation, lead abatement, and plumbing updates. All work is performed by contractors who undergo a rigorous vetting process by City staff, and bidding procedures ensure fair pricing.

The program's deferred loan structure removes the financial stress that often prevents homeowners from making necessary safety improvements. As long as homeowners continue to occupy their homes as their primary residence, no monthly payments are required, and the loan typically becomes due only when the home is sold or transferred to another owner.

Warren residents interested in learning more about the Residential Rehabilitation Program or applying for assistance can complete an Expression of Interest form available at the City's Community Development department or online at www.cityofwarren.org/EOI. For more information, please call Community Development at (586) 574-4686.

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