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Free home repairs available for low income seniors

Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio (COA) is offering free home repairs and safety modifications for low-income homeowners and renters age 60 and older.

The HOME Program has helped thousands of elderly people who are living in unsafe conditions but want to remain in their own homes. It is made possible through a grant from the Ohio Housing Trust Fund. Council on Aging administers the program.

In 2007, the program helped 1,348 seniors in the five-county area served by Council on Aging.

Improvements include wheelchair ramps, bathroom grab bars, replacement of dangerous electrical wiring, and repair of roofs, floors, plumbing, steps, furnaces and locks.

About the HOME Program

Help is available on a first-come, first-served basis to people age 60 and older whose annual gross incomes are at or below:

- \$15,867 per year (1-person household) OR
- \$18,083 per year (2-person household) OR
- \$20,256 per year (3 person household).

Safety modifications are available for homeowners as well as renters. Examples include:

- Wheelchair ramps
- Grab bars
- Handrails

Modifications that are the responsibility of the building owner are excluded.

Repairs are available for homeowners only – not renters. They must be for safety threats such as:

- Faulty, hazardous wiring
- Broken furnace or hot water heater
- Broken locks, doors or steps

- Broken plumbing or fixtures
- Leaking, collapsing roofs

Sewer and septic problems, foundation work and non-critical repairs are excluded.

To request an application, call 513-345-5890 OR 513-345-8643
You may also call 1-800-252-0155 (ask for Greg Frank.)

About Council on Aging

Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio (COA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for older adults and their families.

Since 1974, COA has been designated by the state of Ohio as the Area Agency on Aging for Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren counties. COA plans, coordinates, funds and administers programs for an area that is home to more than 252,000 adults age 60 and older.

COA promotes choice, independence, dignity and well-being of older adults through a range of services that help them remain in their homes for as long as possible.

One call to COA links people to the wide variety of agencies, information and programs that serve older adults.

For Answers on Aging:

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