

**Beat the Heat with the Virginia Beach Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program  
Program Helps Eligible Homeowners Repair or Replace Defective HVAC Equipment**

Virginia Beach, Va. (June 20, 2018) — For households without air conditioning, high temperatures are uncomfortable and possibly dangerous. This is especially true for residents most at risk of heat-related illnesses, such as those with heart conditions, asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Virginia Beach Housing and Neighborhood Preservation can help eligible homeowners repair or replace defective HVAC equipment through its Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program. The program provides loans and grants to low- and moderate-income homeowners for emergency home repairs in order to remove health and safety hazards, exterior home repairs and correcting exterior code violations.

Now through Sept. 30, eligible households with a written statement from a licensed physician stating that air conditioning is medically required for a household member, may have their defective air conditioning equipment repaired or replaced under the program. The program applies to equipment that is part of an existing central heating and/or air conditioning system.

Other eligible activities include correcting electrical, gas and plumbing hazards; correcting defective roof/ceiling assemblies; and making accessibility and usability modifications. The program is not intended for making routine maintenance repairs to systems or equipment.

Assistance is provided based on the availability of funding to Virginia Beach homeowners who meet income and other eligibility requirements. Program details can be found at [www.vbgov.com/home-rehab](http://www.vbgov.com/home-rehab). For more information, call Jill Rinaldo at (757) 385-5834 or Frank D'Angelo at (757) 385-5743.

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