

THE BENSALEM TOWNSHIP OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

In cooperation with the Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County, Bensalem Township acting under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, will provide assistance to homeowners in the repair and rehabilitation of their homes who meet the following provisions:

I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. An applicant must be a resident of Bensalem Township.
- B. The applicant must have owned and occupied the dwelling for a period of at least one year.
- C. The applicant shall have an annual household income that does not exceed the following:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Household Income</u>
1 Person	\$52,950
2 People	\$60,500
3 People	\$68,050
4 People	\$75,600
5 People	\$81,650
6 or more Persons	\$87,700

- D. Income is defined as the combined gross annual income of all occupants of the dwelling unit. Potential recipients shall be required to prove annual income. Income shall be verified by income tax returns, pay check stubs or other means. Periods of temporary unemployment shall be excluded from the determination of the normal annual income.
- E. Families with disposable assets in excess of \$10,000 and elderly or handicapped persons with disposable assets in excess of \$20,000 shall not be eligible for assistance. Assets such as stocks, bonds, cash and real estate shall be considered. The value of the primary residence and up to one automobile per driver shall be excluded from this provision.

****NOTE:** If your home was built before 1978, FEDERAL LAW requires that LEAD SAFE HOUSING PRACTICES be followed. This new regulation requires that the homeowner and all other occupants of the dwelling relocate during the actual rehabilitation and repair to your home. To participate in the Bucks County Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program, the HOMEOWNER must agree to relocate all occupants of the home during the time the lead paint is being treated in accordance with this Federal Regulation. This relocation shall be at the expense of the HOMEOWNER and at NO EXPENSE TO THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS AND ANY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY OR BENSALEM TOWNSHIP.

For more information, please contact the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority at 215-781-8711 or Bensalem Township Administration Office at 215-633-3605.