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UNION COUNTY LAUNCHES EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR GRANT PROGRAM FOR SENIORS IMPACTED BY JULY STORMS

Union County, NJ –July 30, 2025 - The Union County Board of County Commissioners is launching the Storm-Related Emergency Home Repair Grant Program to assist senior homeowners affected by the severe storms that hit the region on July 3rd and July 14th.

This grant is available to Union County residents aged 62 and older who own and occupy a single-or two-family home that sustained damage from the recent storms. Eligible low- to moderate-income homeowners can receive up to \$10,000 in funding to help cover necessary repairs—and the grant does not need to be repaid.

"After such devastating weather events, it's vital that our seniors feel safe and supported in their own homes," said Commissioner Chairwoman Lourdes M. Leon. "This program is a direct investment in their recovery and in the stability of our communities. We want to make sure no one is left behind."

To qualify, homeowners must be current on their mortgage and property taxes. Once an application is submitted, an inspection will be conducted to determine the scope of repairs needed, and a cost estimate will be prepared to establish the grant amount.

For homeowners who may need additional support beyond the \$10,000 grant, Union County also offers the Home Improvement Program, which provides interest-free loans with no repayment required until the property is sold or transferred. This program is available to all income-eligible residents, regardless of age.

For more information or to begin the application process, please visit <u>www.ucnj.org/storm</u> or contact Development Directions, LLC at (732) 382-8100.

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