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### *APPLICATIONS BEING RECEIVED FOR KENNER HOUSING REHABILITATION LOTTERY*

**Kenner, LA.** – The Kenner Community Development Department is accepting applications for a housing rehabilitation lottery in which the owners of 10 Kenner homes could receive grants of up to \$60,000 to repair their homes.

Only the owners of homes that are currently occupied can apply for the city's rehabilitation program, according to Arleeta Terrell, Community Development Director. In addition, homeowners must meet income guidelines, based on the number of people in their household.

To be eligible for the program, which is funded through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), homeowners must have full ownership and a clear title to the property. Only Kenner residents can apply and total household income must be at or below 50 percent of the median income for the area, as defined by HUD.

For example, a family of four cannot have a household income above \$29,400. The homes must all be occupied and be the primary residence for the applicant. Only single family, detached homes will be considered and there must be some type of current condition that prevents the property from meeting safety or local code regulations.

“This is a fabulous program offered by HUD that can very quickly have a real impact on blight in Kenner,” Mayor Michael Yenni said. “Homes must have significant impairments to qualify and repairing 10 homes in that condition will be great for those families and those neighborhoods.”

The period to turn in applications opened today, and Terrell said the application period ends on Oct. 17. The lottery drawing for the 10 winning property owners will be held on Oct. 23.

“We have many homeowners with limited resources who are trying as hard as they can but are fighting a losing battle against deteriorating conditions in their homes,” Terrell said. “This program can literally be a life-saver for 10 Kenner families.”

Instructions and an application form can be found on the Kenner website, [www.kenner.la.us](http://www.kenner.la.us). Completed applications, along with all necessary documents, must be received at the Community Development Department, 624 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA 70062, no later than Oct. 17.

For questions about the housing lottery call the Community Development Department at (504) 468-7588.

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