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## **New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation**

### **Subprime Foreclosure Prevention Services Program**

Applicant: Empire Justice Center - Rochester

SHARS: 20080279

Partners: The Housing Council  
The Legal Aid Society of Rochester

Award: \$700,000

Proposed Services: Outreach, education, financial counseling, legal representation, and court-based services

Proposed Service Area: Monroe, Livingston, Ontario, Orleans, and Wayne Counties

Proposed Outcomes: Provide housing counseling to 240 persons.  
Provide predatory loan screening to 150 persons & representation to 60 persons.  
Provide bankruptcy representation to 20 persons & 100 short sales.

Empire Justice Center (EJC) will directly partner with The Housing Council (HC) and the Legal Aid Society (LAS) to implement the proposed foreclosure program in Monroe, Livingston, Ontario, Orleans and Wayne Counties. HC will serve as a central point of intake for clients served, and will provide counseling and loan work out services to clients who do not have legal defenses to foreclosure actions. EJC will review the mortgage papers of clients for legal defenses and will represent in litigation when appropriate. LAS will provide representation in bankruptcy court and handle short sales for clients when appropriate.