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New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation

Subprime Foreclosure Prevention Services Program

Applicant: Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York

SHARS: 20080331

Partners: Housing Assistance Program of Essex County
St. Lawrence Housing Council
Friends of the North Country
Albany County Rural Housing Alliance

Award: \$140,000

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

Proposed Service Area: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington Counties

Proposed Outcomes: Provide education and counseling to 189 households
Provide legal consultation and/or litigation to 75 persons

Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (LASNNY) will partner with Housing Assistance Program of Essex County (HAPEC), St. Lawrence Housing Council (SLHC), Friends of the North Country (FNC), and Albany County Rural Housing Alliance (ACHRA) to provide homeowners in the counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington with a full spectrum of housing counseling and legal services to help them avoid foreclosure and homelessness. These agencies propose a comprehensive “rural foreclosure prevention project” in the “north country” counties. All housing counseling agencies are HUD-certified, and will provide outreach and education and counseling services. HAPEC will serve Clinton, Essex, Hamilton and Franklin counties, while FNC will focus upon Clinton and Franklin counties. SLHC will provide outreach and referrals in St. Lawrence County, and ACRHA will cover Saratoga County. LASNNY plans to extend its “Owning is Power Project” for 12 additional months and will provide legal representation and court based services for homeowners referred in each of the eight (8) counties to be served.