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New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation

Subprime Foreclosure Prevention Services Program

Applicant: Albany County Rural Housing Alliance (ACRHA)

SHARS: 20080334

Partners: Affordable Housing Partnership (AHP)
Better Neighborhoods Inc. (BNI)
Troy Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (TRIP)

Award: \$357,000

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

Proposed Service Area: Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer & Schenectady counties

Proposed Outcomes: Provide education and counseling to 400 households;
Provide legal referrals to "Home Save Coalition team members."

Albany County Rural Housing Alliance (ACRHA) will partner with Affordable Housing Partnership (AHP), Better Neighborhoods Inc., (BNI), and Troy Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (TRIP) to provide homeowners with a full spectrum of housing counseling and legal services to help them avoid foreclosure and homelessness.

The applicant and all partners are HUD-certified counseling agencies, and will provide outreach and education and counseling services. ACRHA and AHP will cover Albany County while BNI will focus upon Schenectady, Montgomery and Fulton counties. TRIP will cover Rensselaer and Columbia counties. The applicant and all partners have a MOU with Legal Aid Society of Northeast New York (LANNY) to provide legal representation and court based services for homeowners referred in each of the six (6) counties to be served. The applicant and all partners have formed the "Home Save Coalition" which includes United Tenants of Albany, Empire Justice Center, the Legal Project of the Capital District Women's Bar Association, (for pro bono representation) and LANNY.