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New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation

Subprime Foreclosure Prevention Services Program

Applicant: Neighborhood Housing Services of Staten Island, Inc.

SHARS: 20080424

Partners/Collaborators: Civil Court of Richmond County
Faith Initiatives Development Corp.
Richmond County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project

Award: \$430,000

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

Proposed Service Area: Richmond County

Proposed Outcomes: Provide mortgage education and counseling to 2,400 households
Provide legal consultations and/or litigation for 75 households

Neighborhood Housing Services of Staten Island (NHS-SI) will partner with Faith Initiatives Development Corporation and Richmond County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project to provide homeowners in Richmond County with a full spectrum of housing counseling and legal services to help them avoid foreclosure and homelessness. NHS-SI is a HUD-certified counseling agency that will provide outreach and education and default counseling services in both English and Spanish. NHS-SI and FIDC propose foreclosure prevention workshops in several communities as a means to identify and possibly prevent defaults at an early stage. The agencies will also enlist the aid of the Civil Court in Richmond County for additional foreclosure prevention referrals. The Richmond County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project will provide legal representation and court based services for homeowners referred by NHS-SI.