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USDA Rural Development Awards \$170,000 in Housing Preservation Grants

Two Maine nonprofits will provide home repairs for low-income residents in Franklin, Knox, Penobscot, and Piscataquis counties.

Comments from nonprofit grant recipients:

“Western Maine Community Action (WMCA) is very pleased to receive the 2023 USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant (HPG). WMCA uses these critical USDA funds to provide health and safety repairs as well as other home repairs. In this way, our agency helps keep older Mainers and other eligible families in their homes. The HPG grant has been a single source of critical funding for WMCA that has helped to keep over 50 low-income households safe and warm in their homes each year.”

-Bill Crandall, Housing Director, Western Maine Community Action

“Penquis is very pleased to receive this grant. The funding we receive will be used to help 21 households with home repairs. We will also use some funds to help in the replacement of one home. These funds will be leveraged with additional funds to keep families warm, safe and dry. Maine has a large percentage of homeowners who live in houses that need repairs to keep them safe. Our waiting list is extensive for home repair and the need for assistance is ever growing. We thank USDA Rural Development for being part of keeping Maine families in their homes.”

-Jennifer Giosia, Director of Housing and Energy Service, Penquis

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