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New application round for Ontario Renovates program begins on Monday, May 15th

A new application round is about to begin for Ontario Renovates, a popular home improvement program that assists low and moderate income families and seniors in Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

Through Ontario Renovates, eligible homeowners can receive funding for urgent home repairs as well as modifications to make their homes more accessible. Since the program launched in 2012, approximately 520 homeowners in Cornwall and SDG have received assistance.

“The Ontario Renovates program has had a tremendous impact in our community,” said Stacey Ferguson, Manager of Social and Housing Services. “I would encourage all eligible homeowners to consider applying for assistance.”

The Ontario Renovates program has two different components:

- An Urgent Home Repair component where eligible homeowners can receive a maximum forgivable loan of \$16,000 which is earned over a 10-year period. Projects which may qualify under this component include upgrades to heating systems, minor foundation repairs, roofs and electrical systems.
- An Accessibility Modification component where eligible homeowners can receive a maximum grant of \$5,000. Projects which may qualify under this component include ramps and handrails.

In order to be eligible, participating homeowners must be within the income limits per household (\$41,000 to \$61,000 depending on the household size) and the house assessment value must be below \$193,291. In addition, the property must be owned and be the sole and principal residence of the

applicant, and property taxes, home insurance and mortgage payments must all be up-to-date. The property must be located within the City of Cornwall or the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. Funding is not available for work that is already started.

Application forms for the program will be available as of Monday, May 15th.

Application forms can be downloaded from the City website (look for Ontario Renovates under the 'Popular Topics' section on the main page of the City website). Copies can also be obtained from the City of Cornwall Social Housing Division Office at 340 Pitt Street (3rd Floor) or by calling (613) 930-2787 ext. 2344. Please note there is a dedicated amount of funding available so interested homeowners are encouraged to apply early.

About Ontario Renovates

Ontario Renovates is funded by the Provincial and Federal Governments and is administered by the City of Cornwall's Social Housing Division. The Social Housing Division acts as Service Manager for Housing programs in both Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

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