

# **HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM**

## **STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Couleecap, Inc. **intends to apply** to the Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, for the rural Housing Preservation Grant program. Couleecap's intent is to provide very low-income homeowners with necessary repair and rehabilitation work on their homes through a deferred loan program.

**No funding is available at this time.**

### **Who may get this work done?**

Homeowners who meet all of the following conditions may obtain assistance in the form of deferred loans.

- The homeowner must occupy the home.
- The home must be located in Crawford, Monroe, Vernon, or La Crosse County, **(but may not be located in the Cities of La Crosse or Onalaska)**.
- The home must be a single-family dwelling.
- Household income may not exceed very low-income limits established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for each county.

Couleecap makes efforts to assist applicants to complete applications. If an applicant is rejected, the client is sent a letter by mail explaining the status and the reason for the rejection. Applicants have the option to appeal a rejection.

### **What does very low-income mean?**

- Very low-income – household income at or below 50% of County Median Income (CMI)

### **What kind of work can be done?**

Funds can be used to cover costs of materials and labor that contribute to the structural integrity or long-term preservation of the unit, such as:

- repair or replacement of heating systems;
- electrical wiring;
- plumbing;
- repair or provision of structural support and foundations;
- repair/replacement of roofs and windows;
- replacement of severely deteriorated siding, porches or stoops;
- alterations to provide handicap accessibility; and
- additions to dwellings only when necessary to alleviate overcrowding or eliminate a health hazard.

### **How much work will be done?**

The amount of the work will be determined based on the repair and rehabilitation needs of each individual home, dollars available, severity (urgency) of the situation, and availability of other funds.