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Bristol, CT, June 28, 2006 - Mayor William T. Stortz announced today that the City of Bristol will receive \$400,000 under the Housing Trust Fund Program to fund a Residential Housing Rehabilitation Program for Bristol homeowners. This grant comes from an application made by the Bristol Development Authority.

Mayor Stortz thanked Governor Rell and the Department of Economic and Community Development for their support. Said Stortz, "This program will help elderly and low-income residents to stay in their homes. I hope that many applicants will consider energy conservation measures that will help reduce their costs of heating and cooling."

The City will be able to continue its housing rehabilitation program using the funds to offer 50% matching grants to eligible low and moderate income Bristol homeowners. The grants will fund 50% of the total cost of eligible major housing component repair or replacement such as heating/cooling systems, roofing, windows and doors, siding, lead-based paint hazards and any type of health, fire or building code problems. Both single-family and multi-family homeowners who meet the income and rent program guidelines will be eligible to participate in the program.

Stortz continued, "The purpose of the Residential Housing Rehabilitation program is to preserve the quality and safety of Bristol's housing stock, help homeowners to lower the cost of heating their homes through energy efficiency improvements and assist low/moderate income persons, especially elderly residents, to remain in their homes by reducing the cost of major home improvements."

The City of Bristol will continue to administer the program through the Bristol Development Authority, which will publicly announce the acceptance of applications into the program following the completion of the contract process with the State.

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