



## DSHA Highlights

*Delaware Affordable Housing News and Events*  
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### Home repair program wins national award



Delaware's new home repair assistance initiative, the [Statewide Emergency Repair Program](#), has received national recognition from the [National Council of State Housing Agencies](#) with a 2017 Annual Award for Program Excellence.

"We are honored to receive this award on behalf of our partners and the many Delawareans that this home repair work has helped," said Delaware State Housing Authority Director Anas Ben Addi. "Simple repair work on leaky roofs, heating systems and

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electrical work can be out of reach for many, and we are pleased to be able to help homeowners remain in their homes."

The Statewide Emergency Response Program, or SERP, was created this year to provide a single point of contact for home repair assistance for low-income Delawareans. Previously, DSHA had funded repairs through a number of partners, depending on jurisdiction.

The new program operates in all three counties and provides a streamlined approach through a contract with [Milford Housing Development Corporation](#), which operates the program. Since its launch in March, SERP has helped around 85 families with about \$338,000 in emergency home repairs. Homeowners can apply to MHDC at 302-491-4010 or toll-free at 844-413-0038. Staff will work with applicants to determine if they qualify.

The program addresses emergency conditions threatening the health or safety of eligible Delaware homeowners and members of their households. Qualified applicants must own their home and have lived there for at least one year, and must meet income guidelines.

Situations that qualify include immediate health or safety threats such as heating system repairs (winter months), plumbing repairs (non-functioning), electrical repairs (in hazardous cases), roof repair or replacement (for active leaks), major structural repairs or urgent accessibility modifications. A portion of the funding goes toward assisting residents of manufactured housing or mobile homes.



From top left: Public Relations Director Dan Shortridge, Director Anas Ben Addi, Housing Program Specialist Jack Stucker

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## Apply for a downtown investment rebate



The Delaware State Housing Authority is accepting applications through December 15 for large project grants through the [Downtown Development District Program](#). The grants provide up to 20 percent rebates on qualified real property investments in one of the eight designated downtown districts, in Dover, Georgetown, Harrington, Laurel, Milford, Seaford, Smyrna and Wilmington.

The application period is for large property construction or redevelopment project investments of more than \$250,000. Qualified applicants include property owners, tenants, for-profit developers,

nonprofit organizations, businesses and homeowners. Eligible project expenses include capital investments on rehabilitation, expansion or new construction for commercial, industrial, residential or mixed-use buildings within the district boundaries. Rebates are issued after the project is completed.

Applications for small projects – an investment of between \$15,000 and \$250,000 – are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year contingent upon funding.

Applications for the large-project round must be received at DSHA by 4 p.m. on December 15. Additional information and application materials are at [destatehousing.com/ddd](http://destatehousing.com/ddd) or can be obtained by calling DSHA at 888-363-8808.

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