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PORTLAND HOUSING BUREAU PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

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I. Progress towards outputs and outcomes

OUTPUTS	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total (Year to Date)	Annual Goal
Households Served	2				2	20

1. N/NE (ICURA) Home Maintenance - Accomplishments

Program Description

Community Energy Project's N/NE (ICURA) Home Maintenance Program assists clients in the Interstate Urban Renewal Area (ICURA) beyond our basic programs with direct service, home maintenance repairs. Our community-based approach mimics the work of a general contractor and requires the participation and collaboration of staff and community partners involved in the development and outcomes of each project. Our service is targeted toward low-income senior homeowners who are at risk of foreclosure due to deferred maintenance.

We will subcontract out to Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business Contractors to assist us with these and larger repairs within the ICURA area as often as possible. Community Energy Project believes in bringing work back into the community so we will try to find local workers.

Summary of Activities

During the first quarter of the fiscal year we established a list of 20 clients who qualified for ICURA projects. We audited 4 clients, and started/completed work on 2 ICURA projects. The remaining 16 are already on our list for the remainder of the 2011-2012 fiscal year. All of our clients in this program had substantial repair needs which were affecting the health and safety of their homes.

The types of projects audited/completed were beyond our normal licensing and capacity boundaries, but were much needed repairs. They included:

- Fixing major electrical
- Repairing water-damaged interior walls
- Air-sealing / duct sealing and insulation
- Building a fence

Many of our clients were very moved by what we were able to accomplish for them. Below are photographs of the first two projects:



Above. Both of these pictures were taken during the process of our work. The client now has completely air sealed attic complete with vapor barriers and blow in insulation with an value of ~R37.



Above. This client was overloading his circuit breakers every time he used his microwave or television. Given the way his home was wired it would shut power to his entire home. Furthermore, his breaker box (located outside) was not securely attached to the wall and its cover door was completely detached. With our ICURA funding we were able to install three dedicated circuits so that he could operate his appliances safely as well as insure that his breaker box was secure and sealed from the elements.

We continue to build strong working relationships with contractors in the electrical and advanced weatherization trades. We have assembled a pool of local contractors who we can call for bids and services for qualified clients; including as many Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business Contractors as possible.

We continued to build strategic partnerships with other non-profits such as Portland Community Reinvestment Initiative (PCRI), Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA) and the rest of the Minority Homeowner Assistance Collaborative (MHAC) partners.

Staff Capacity-Building

Balanced Energy Solutions, a woman-owned business, training the CEP staff on how to properly air-seal, install vapor barriers and how to blow in insulation in attics during the first ICURA project. With this partnership we were able to not only increase the comfort and efficiency of our client's home, but also increase the abilities of our staff.



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We are investigating ways to create more partnerships like the ones described above where we can provide direct service to our clients while providing valuable training to our staff, volunteers, and other community organizations.

2. Challenges

While our N/NE (ICURA) Home Maintenance program is in its second year, we are continuing to gather information, feedback, and lessons learned to continue to improve the efficiency of the program. One thing that we anticipate to be a continuing challenge is that there is much more need for this service than there are resources to respond. We will do our best to ensure we make the most of the resources we have, and to locate other sources of support for services for seniors and people with disabilities to keep their homes safe and in good repair.

3. New Directions

No new direction at this time as the entire program is new, as the 2011-2012 fiscal year represents our second year with ICURA funding.

4. Additional Comments

No additional comments at this time.

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS REPORT N/NE (ICURA) Home Maintenance - 2010-2011

Client demographic information will be provided in the fourth quarter/final report.