

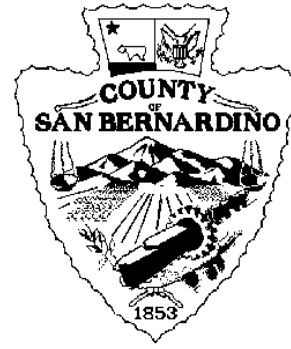
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Supervisors Approve Senior Home Repair Program

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today entered agreements with 10 cities to have the County implement the Senior Home Repair Program, which provides repair services for low and moderate income seniors.

“Seniors are often unable to afford to repair a roof, fix their plumbing or make other necessary repairs,” said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt. “This program will provide much needed assistance to our seniors who deserve a helping hand.”

The County worked with cities to restructure the program, which is funded through the federal Community Development Block Grant program. Countywide, the total funding for the program this fiscal year is \$888,140. The County and cities agreed to fund the program at that level for the next three years.

The agreements call for the County to operate the program in Barstow, Needles, Twentynine Palms, and Yucca Valley, in addition to Big Bear Lake, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda and Yucaipa. Each supervisorial district received an allocation to operate the program in unincorporated areas of the County as well. Not all of the County’s cities elected to participate in the program.

The program will employ private contractors to make the repairs, providing private sector jobs during a time of high unemployment. Previously, county employees had done the repair work.

To be eligible, seniors must be 62 or older, own their home or mobile home, and have an income of no more than 80% of the area’s median income. The income limits are: household of 1, \$37,300; household of 2, \$42,650; household of 3, \$47,950; household of 4, \$53,300.

For information on the program, call (909) 388-0925.