

# Home Improvement Program

## Hamilton County, New York

The objective of this program is to complete needed structural and mechanical improvements in single family owner-occupied homes throughout rural Hamilton County. This strategy of working within a county instead of a specific community is utilized particularly in rural areas when there is not sufficient need for rehabilitation assistance within a single community.



Home owners with income below 60% of the Median household income for non-metropolitan areas of the state are eligible for rehabilitation assistance under this program. Preference is given to applicants who have income below 30% of the Median or who are suffering from severe housing problems that threaten their health or safety.

HOME Grant funding covers 100% of the cost of eligible improvements up to a maximum of \$20,000 for each property. The most typical repairs include new metal or shingle roofs, window and door replacement, new heating systems, electrical service upgrades, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and drilled wells and septic tank and/or leach field replacement.

### Funding and Progress:

2003 HOME Investment Partnerships Program:	<b>\$ 400,000</b>
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**97** applicants on file

**42** lower income home owners expected to be assisted by September 2007

**\$15,760** average rehabilitation project cost (per single family home)

**AVALON ASSOCIATES** prepared the successful HOME funding applications, set up the program including local Guidelines and Procedures, oversees the local Rehabilitation Coordinator, and coordinates and monitors all program activities on a regular basis.