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Almost \$2 million available for low-income households affected by July 2017 floods

Some low- and moderate-income households in Monroe and Trempealeau Counties will be eligible to receive money for repairs related to the July 2017 floods thanks to a partnership between the State of Wisconsin, La Crosse, Monroe and Trempealeau Counties, City of Arcadia, Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council, and Couleecap, Inc.

On behalf of the affected areas La Crosse County applied for Community Development Block Grant – Emergency Assistance Program (CDBG-EAP) funds. Residents must meet income requirements, and the dwelling in question must be their primary residence.

Couleecap, Inc and Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council. will work directly with potential homeowners to help distribute the funds, which will be provided as grants for the repair, restoration and/or replacement of housing elements. Some of the eligible repairs include furnace replacement, water heater replacement, well and sewer repair and replacement, and the repair of structural components such as drywall. Other items may qualify as well. Grants will only be provided to repair or replace items directly related to damages incurred during the July 2017 storm.

All households must provide documentation of any insurance claims. Funds are available only for those items that have not already been paid for by insurance. Original receipts for work that has already been completed may be submitted for reimbursement.

Households who participate in the CDBG Emergency Assistance Program must have a gross household income of less than 80 percent of the county median income to be eligible for funds. In Monroe County, a single person can earn up to \$38,000; and a family of four can earn up to \$54,250. In Trempealeau County, a single person can earn up to \$38,100 and still receive a grant; and a family of four can earn up to \$54,400.



To apply for flood assistance in Monroe or Trempealeau Counties please contact Mark Johnson at 608-424-2566 or Mark.Johnson@couleecap.org.

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About Couleecap

Couleecap, Inc. is a private non-profit 501c3 charitable organization. Couleecap helps people in need with housing, food, transportation, and more. Created in 1966, we are a community action program that fights poverty and promotes self-sufficiency in Crawford, La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon counties. Learn more at www.couleecap.org.