

LAWRENCE COUNTY DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Lawrence County Commissioners recently released a \$50,000.00 allocation from Lawrence County's Affordable Housing Program to help low-income, first-time prospective homeowners pay for a portion of their closing costs.

The program, which will be administered by DON Enterprises, Inc., will provide a grant of up to \$2,000.00 to first time prospective homeowners in Lawrence County who fall below 80% of Pennsylvania's AMI (Area Median Income) based on family size and have no more than \$5,000 in liquid assets after closing. The program requires a completed application, proof of household income and assets and a copy of loan pre-approval or other proof of the means to acquire the home. Homeownership counseling is also required. There is generally no cost to a prospective homeowner for the counseling.

The county's Affordable Housing Program is funded by the fees collected from the recording of deeds and mortgages in the Lawrence County Register and Recorder's Office and is to be used countywide and is open to all eligible Lawrence County residents.

Receipt of applications for the program will begin on April 15, 2024. Applications are available in person at DON Enterprises, Inc. at 101 S. Mercer St., Suite 210, New Castle, PA, 16101. DON Enterprises, Inc. can also email you an application. Additionally, your local municipality and your lender, if applicable, may be able to provide you with an application as well. For more information, please contact your lender, if you have one, or Anita McKeever at DON Enterprises, Inc. at 724-856-4221.