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State Approves \$300,000 Grant for Home Headquarters to Renovate 30 Homes in Syracuse

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Senator John A. DeFrancisco (R-I-C, Syracuse) today announced that the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) today approved a \$300,000 grant to Home HeadQuarters (HHQ) to help finance home improvements for 30 homes in the City of Syracuse.

“This funding will help to improve the aging housing stock in Syracuse, and help make the city a better place to live,” said Senator DeFrancisco. “In addition, it will improve the safety and value of thirty homes in the City of Syracuse, and most importantly, it will benefit thirty local families.”

The grant will allow Home HeadQuarters to renovate 30 single-family homes in Syracuse. The homes are all located in neighborhoods designated as revitalization and transitional areas. The improvements will include structural repairs, roof replacements, door and window replacements, and hard-wired smoke detectors. In addition, improvements may also address electrical, plumbing, lead, furnace and duct work.

Homeowners can apply for assistance by calling Home HeadQuarters at (315) 474-1939 or by visiting its website at www.homehq.org. The grants will be made available to households

earning up to \$57,075 for a family of four.

The total cost of the project is \$789,203. In addition to the AHC grant, the program will help leverage \$60,000 in Energy Smart funds provided by the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and \$277,203 in Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG), which are provided by the City of Syracuse.