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Erie County Announces Availability of Affordable Housing Funds

(ERIE, PA)- Erie County is now soliciting applications for affordable housing activities to be funded by the Erie County Affordable Housing Fund (Act 137). Eligible applicants include any county or local government entity or non-profit organization located in Erie County. Private individuals are not eligible.

The Erie County Affordable Housing Fund, which was created by Erie County Council in 1999, established a dedicated fund to support affordable housing activities in Erie County. The Act 137 funds are awarded annually on a competitive basis. The County has been able to provide funding support for many projects that have created and maintained affordable housing within Erie County. These funds may be used to secure National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 Home Program funds, assist or support housing efforts by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and by commercial banks and thrift institutions, as well as assist or support housing efforts by Erie County government, Erie County municipal governments, municipal housing and redevelopment authorities and local non-profit agencies.

Please Note: All applications must be received by the Erie County Department of Planning no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 17, 2009. Copies of the program guidelines and application can be obtained by contacting the Erie County Department of Planning, Erie County Courthouse, Room 119, 140 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16501, (814) 451-6336 or TDD (814) 451-7065. These forms are also available at www.eriecountyplanning.org.

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