

Capital Area Community Action Agency

ESF 15 REPORT FOR EASTPOINT LIMEROCK FIRE SURVIVORS

The agency continues to work with a total of (10) cases, (2) of which the Board has approved use of fire relief funds. These two cases include:

- **582-B Ridge Road** was board approved for use of \$7300, of which only \$5500 was required for job completion
- **579 Ridge Road** was board approved for use of \$4063.64, however the job is incomplete. *During submission of required documents for services, the survivors mentioned someone being shocked when touching the roof. I reached out to Steve Paterson, Building Inspector, to have him assess the home. After his inspection, Mr. Paterson advised me to call an electrician. I reached out to Mike Cates, a local electrician, who informed me the roof is electrified. Mr. Cates also informed me that Cates Electric was not willing to accept the liability associated with the job. I followed up with the survivors to inform them although the County has approved repairs, our agency cannot schedule repairs until the wiring issue is addressed. I directed the survivors to contact Duke Energy as well as an electrician to address and correct the wiring issue. At this time, it is unknown as to whether or not the wiring issue is a result of the fire, however I did inform the survivors if there is proof the issue is a result of the fire, we are willing to assist with the cost. I continue to follow up with the survivors, but an electrician still has not reassessed the electrical issue. According to the survivor, the electrical issue has been resolved, but it has been challenging to acquire an electrician willing to reassess the roof and confirm issue resolved.*

The remaining (8) cases are listed below:

ADDRESS	NOTES
607 Wilderness Road	<i>Request transfer of title on camper trailer for loss of residence</i>
582-C Ridge Road	<i>Request transfer of title on camper trailer for loss of residence; owns property which is not zoned for campers – will receive donated Sheriff trailer</i>
595 Ridge Road	<i>Property owner has instructed agency to not pursue replacement for loss of residence on this property, and has not transferred ownership to occupant. Extend lease on camper for 6 months.</i>
605-B Wilderness	<i>Request transfer of title on camper trailer for loss of residence</i>
714 Buck Street	<i>CDBG Eligible – land purchase in place</i>
701 Ridge Road	<i>CDBG Eligible – property taxes & land payments current; deed possession</i>
599-B Wilderness Road	<i>Request transfer of title on camper trailer for loss of residence</i>
667 Ridge Road	<i>Requested half cost of \$76,473.32 to finance new mobile home after receiving insurance reimbursement. Offered \$20,000 - first declined, but returned to accept</i>

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(3) of the above named cases are requesting transfer of title on camper trailer as replacement for loss of residence. I have received notarized statements, in addition to signatures to confirm receipt of Franklin County Ordinance No. 82-6 in reference to occupancy and use of camper trailers. The agency does not wish to provide a housing solution that may potentially cause an issue for the County. Should the Board be satisfied with the precautions taken, I would like to request board action on the transfer of title for camper trailers as replacement for loss of residence for 607 Wilderness Road, 605-B Wilderness Road and 599-B Wilderness Road. All camper trailers have been appraised for a total of \$23,500. The cost to transfer tags and titles approximately \$450.

BOARD ACTION: Will the Board please approve use of fire relief funds in the amount of \$23,950 to pay for the cost to transfer title as replacement for loss of residence on camper trailers to include the value of the camper trailers as well as the cost to transfer tag and titles?

Limerock Fire survivor previously living at 667 Ridge Road has requested half the cost of \$76,473.32 (*quote received 3/31/2020*) required to finance a new mobile home. Due to the fact that the survivor received an insurance reimbursement on loss of residence we offered \$20,000 to assist with the cost of a new home. The survivor first declined the offer, but has since returned to accept.

BOARD ACTION: Will the Board please approve use of fire relief funds in the amount of \$20,000 to assist survivor of 667 Ridge Road with the cost to finance a new mobile home?

We continue to provide temporary housing for a total of (4) Limerock Fire survivors. Of the four survivors (2) are CDBG eligible to include:

- **595 Ridge Road** – *Property owner has restricted agency from pursuing any efforts to replace loss of residence; stated they have secured legal representation and do not wish to receive services from CACAA. **Recommend extend camper lease 6 months.***
- **701 Ridge Road** – *We would like to thank Carrabelle Episcopal Church of Ascension, First Baptist Church of Eastpoint and the Law Office of Steve Watkins in partnership with CACAA's Family Self-Sufficiency program for helping bring this family current in property taxes as well as land payments in an effort to secure permanent housing. This family now meets requirements to pursue CDBG home replacement and has been referred to Deborah Belcher.*

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- **714 Buck Street** – Board approved application for CDBG home replacement contingent upon securing land. Family adopted by Pastor Ronnie McBrayer and Renew, who is currently in the process of securing land on behalf of this family.

Our fourth family originally requested transfer of title on camper trailer as replacement for loss of residence, however, the family owns their land which is not zoned for campers. After consulting with Deborah Belcher, CDBG grant manager, it was decided that we would provide the family with a Sheriff home to be donated by another survivor receiving CDBG home replacement. This will avoid the potential for violation of County Ordinance and reduce the cost to secure permanent housing for this family.

Per your request I have provided the balance on the account of donated funds to include all approved and pending transactions to this date.

	BALANCE (From April 2020 ESF 15 Report)	\$67,305.99
1	582-B Ridge Road – set up Sheriff trailer (Board Approved – job completed as of 5/29/2020)	(5,500.00)
2	579 Ridge Road – vinyl siding repair (Board Approved – pending electrical issue inspection)	(4,063.64)
3	667 Ridge Road – assist with cost of home replacement (Pending board approval)	(20,000.00)
4	599-B Wilderness Road – camper trailer (Pending board approval)	(4,650.00)
6	605-B Wilderness Road – camper trailer (Pending board approval)	(8,150.00)
7	607 Wilderness Road – camper trailer (Pending board approval)	(11,150.00)
	NEW BALANCE	\$13,792.35

Please note there is an additional \$10,000 to be added once balance nears zero, which brings us to a total of \$23,792.35 remaining, should all action items receive Board approval.