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Maple Heights Launches Paint Program, Focuses on Reinvestment

MAPLE HEIGHTS – Beginning today, the City of Maple Heights will accept applications for its 2021 Paint the City Program. The Program supplements the costs residents normally pay to repaint the exterior of their home by providing free vouchers to obtain tools and supplies. **Mayor Annette Blackwell said, “This program is an important part of the City’s efforts to ensure that residents’ choice to live in Maple Heights is a good investment for their family.”**

The Program, which was authorized by the Maple Heights City Council on April 21, 2021, provides free vouchers for various tools, such as paint brushes, rollers, a scraper, and drop cloth, and with paint; no labor is included. Residents who apply must meet basic eligibility requirements, including meeting income guidelines, and participate in lead safety training. Applications will be accepted beginning May 3, 2021 and awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis while funding is available. Additional information about the Program, income eligibility guidelines, and the application are available on the City’s website at www.citymapleheights.com/paintprogram.

Because the City was released from fiscal emergency in November 2020, it was important to City Officials and City Council that the 2021 Paint the City Program be funded in a fiscally responsible manner. The Program is funded using non-tax revenues from the sale of homes through the Maple Heights Home Ownership Program (MHHOP). MHHOP sells homes at affordable prices to owner-occupants to renovate and move into. **“The way we built the 2021 Paint the City Program is innovative, with one housing reinvestment program’s dollars being used to fund another housing reinvestment program. The focus is on maintaining the City’s housing stock through a sustainable funding model that does not draw on the City’s General Fund,”** said Director of Economic Development Patrick Grogan-Myers.

Questions about the Program should be directed to the Housing Department at (216) 587-9032.

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