



**Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
Tornado Response Home Rehabilitation Program**

Fact Sheet

Administered by the Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center, Inc.

Eligible Communities: Agawam, Brimfield, Monson, Southbridge, Springfield, Sturbridge, Westfield, West Springfield, and Wilbraham.

Eligible Households: Homeowners from the nine eligible communities whose primary residences were damaged by the June 1, 2011 tornado and who require additional financial assistance to supplement other public, private and non-profit sources and/or to address needs not met by other funding sources.

Eligible Uses: Tornado Response HR Funds may be used for work items or repairs which are not or only partially funded through insurance or other public or donated funding. This may include such things as demolition of detached outbuildings, historic rehabilitation, removal of trees that are presenting an obstacle to residents, water damage, mitigation of mold and water damage, and standard building repair such as roofs, windows, siding, etc.

In addition, these funds may be used to supplement other funding towards rebuilding homes completely destroyed or the purchase and installation of a mobile home or modular home to replace a home that was destroyed in the June 1st tornado.

All work funded through this program must be performed by qualified and licensed contractors. Under certain circumstances, "sweat equity" through a self-help agreement will be allowed if it can be demonstrated that 1) the owner is capable of performing the work or 2) the effort is being undertaken in conjunction with coordinated volunteers and will leverage additional monies to the project. In these circumstances, an itemized materials cost estimate must be provided accompanied by a quote from the suppliers.

Prioritization of Assistance: Requests for assistance will be categorized according to need. Priority 1 Assistance is for those households who need additional funding to complete work which allow them to get back into their home. Priority 2 Assistance is for households who need additional funding to eliminate a health or safety issue within the primary residence. Priority 3 Assistance is for households who need additional funding to eliminate a health or safety issue on the property of the primary residence. Priority 4 Assistance is for all other eligible and tornado related requests.

Income Restrictions: At least 75% of these funds must benefit households whose gross income does not exceed 80% of the area median income (AMI). Up to 25% of these funds can be used to benefit households whose gross income is between 80% and 100% of the AMI.

Assistance Limitations: The value of repairs or improvements made to any individual residence using these funds cannot exceed \$7,500 unless an unusual circumstance requires a larger expenditure. In these cases, a waiver for up to a total of \$15,000 may be sought with the additional funds limited to ensuring the home is made safe and secure. Waiver amounts and availability will be influenced by household income levels.

Application: Please contact Laurel Foley-Beauchesne Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104 at (413) 781-6045 or by email at lfoley-beauchesne@pvpc.org.

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion or disability.

Tornado Response Home Rehabilitation Funds Available

Homeowners in the communities of Agawam, Brimfield, Monson, Southbridge, Springfield, Sturbridge, Westfield, West Springfield and Wilbraham may be eligible for supplemental funding to address June 1, 2011 tornado repair needs not met by other funding sources. The deadline for submitting an application for assistance is 5:00 PM Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

For a fact sheet and application, please contact Laurel Foley-Beauchesne Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104 at (413) 781-6045 or by email at lfoley-beauchesne@pvpc.org.

E. Please circle below the appropriate category which pertains to your total household income.

Note: Your application cannot be processed unless this section is completed.

One person	Two persons	Three persons	Four persons	Five persons	Six persons	Seven persons	Eight persons
\$45,500 or less	\$52,000 or less	\$58,500 or less	\$65,000 or less	\$70,200 or less	\$75,400 or less	\$80,600 or less	\$85,800 or less
\$45,501 to \$56,875	\$52,001 to \$65,000	\$58,501 to \$73,125	\$65,001 to \$81,250	\$70,201 to \$87,750	\$75,401 to \$94,250	\$80,601 to \$100,750	\$85,801 to \$107,250
More than \$56,875	More than \$65,000	More than \$73,125	More than \$81,250	More than \$87,750	More than \$94,250	More than \$100,750	More than \$107,250

As head(s) of household, I/we hereby certify under the penalties and pains of perjury, that the income information as checked above is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge.

Please note that in some circumstances, at the sole discretion of the Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center, additional documentation may be required to substantiate household income.

Name (signature)

Date

Name (signature)

Date

Application Submission Information

Please submit the following information with your application.

- ___ Completed application.
- ___ Evidence of ownership (certificate of title, recent tax bill, mortgage statement, etc.).
- ___ Evidence of property damage/required work resulting from the 6/1/2011 tornado. (insurance claim, appraiser's report, FEMA documentation, American Red Cross documentation, etc.)
- ___ Provide evidence of insufficient funds to complete your rehabilitation, including the deficit in funding that you have.
- ___ Please provide copies of any existing contracts, proposals or price quotes that you have for the work that is required on your property.

I understand that the information given in this application will be used only to determine eligibility for this program and will otherwise be treated as confidential. I consent to inspections of my property by program staff and building and other inspectors. I further state that the information in this application has been given freely and is true to the best of my knowledge.

(Note: All owners of record must sign below. For example, if you and your spouse jointly own your home, both of you must sign below.)

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

APPLICATION DUE DATE IS WEDNESDAY, 5:00 PM, JULY 18, 2012.

Please return your completed application with all required documentation to Laurel Foley-Beauchesne, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104. For questions, please call the PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or email at lfoley-beauchesne@pvpc.org.