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**ANNUAL REPORT
TO
COMMITTEES OF COGNIZANCE
ON
HEALTHY HOMES FUND**

In accordance with § 8-466a of the Connecticut General Statutes

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Authorizing Legislation

Originally authorized under Public Act 18-160 of the 2018 Regular Session, **AN ACT IMPOSING A SURCHARGE ON CERTAIN INSURANCE POLICIES AND ESTABLISHING THE HEALTHY HOMES FUND**, and later codified under Connecticut General Statutes § 8-446, this statute stipulates that each year, not later than January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing shall submit an annual report on the program to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relative to housing, planning and development and appropriations and the budget of state agencies, in accordance with section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes ("**CGS**").

Fund Overview

There is established an account to be known as the "Healthy Homes Fund" which shall be a separate, non-lapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Department of Housing for the purposes of:

(1) Funding of not more than one million dollars shall be remitted to the Department of Economic and Community Development to be used for grants-in-aid to homeowners with homes located in the immediate vicinity of the West River in the Westville section of New Haven and Woodbridge for structurally damaged homes due to subsidence and to homeowners with homes abutting the Yale Golf Course in the Westville section of New Haven for damage to such homes from water infiltration or structural damage due to subsidence; and

(2) Funding a program, and any related administrative expense, to reduce health and safety hazards in residential dwellings in Connecticut, including, but not limited to, lead, radon and other contaminants or conditions, through removal, remediation, abatement and other appropriate methods. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative expense" means any administrative or other cost or expense incurred by the Department of Housing in carrying out the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to the hiring of necessary employees and entering into necessary contracts.

Amending Legislation

This fund was later amended under Public Act 18-179 of the 2018 Regular Session, **AN ACT CONCERNING THE WRITTEN RESIDENTIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT, THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY ESTABLISHED FOR ASSISTING WITH CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS AND FUNDING FOR LEAD REMOVAL, REMEDIATION AND ABATEMENT**, and later codified under Connecticut General Statutes § 8-446a, which requires that all funds expended pursuant to section (2) above be allocated for lead removal, remediation and abatement.

Funding Activity

For the period ending June 30, 2024, the following transactions occurred:

| Healthy Homes Fund Financial Activity July 1, 2023 to June 3, 2024 | |
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| Collections: | |
| Checks | \$12,921,768.00 |
| Opt Ins | \$114,636.00 |
| Total Amount Collected | <u>\$13,036,404.00</u> |
| Adjustments: | |
| Less 50% of FAO Salary (CID) | (\$82,070.95) |
| Less Overpayment | (\$1,032.00) |
| Balance | <u>\$12,953,301.05</u> |
| 85% for Remittance to CFSIC | \$11,010,305.89 |

However, Administrative cost adjustments and reconciliation from CID did not occur prior to June 30, 2024.

Payment to CFSIC in the amount of \$11,010,305.89 was made on or about September 8, 2024.

| Healthy Homes Fund Grant Activity July 1, 2023 to June 3, 2024 | |
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| Grant Contracts: | |
| Awards Issued | \$475,000.00 |
| Payments Issued | (\$137,883.35) |
| Award Balance | \$337,116.65 |

Pending Activity

Receipts

The Department of Housing anticipates a reconciliation of deposits from the Connecticut Insurance Department after which funds equal to 85% of the total funds deposited between May 1, 2024, and April 30, 2025, will be remitted to the Connecticut Foundation for Crumbling Foundations Fund.

Grants

The Department of Housing anticipates issuing up to three (3) lead abatement grants to multifamily projects in the coming twelve months. Project details are being developed and will be included in a future report.