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## Request for Proposals Statewide Healthy Homes Needs Assessment

**Wilmington, DE, December 16, 2021** – The vision of Habitat for Humanity is a world where everyone has a decent place to live, improving their quality of life and general wellbeing. To that end, Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County, Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity, and Sussex County Habitat for Humanity invite proposals to complete a statewide, data-driven housing needs assessment with an emphasis on health outcomes.

Healthy, stable homes are the key to improved health, economic, and social outcomes. Unfortunately, environmental hazards in the home cause millions of preventable injuries and complications from disease each year. *In Delaware, nearly 47,000 households have at least one severe housing problem.* Substandard housing and poor indoor environment are linked to increased indoor allergen exposure and greater morbidity and mortality. Additionally, trip and fall hazards pose serious problems and are especially problematic for older residents. More than 26% of adults over the age of 65 reported falling in the past year. Approximately 1 in 5 of these falls caused serious injury resulting in restricted activity, loss of independence, and premature death. These issues are especially prevalent in low-income and minority households.

**The true extent of housing needs by community in the State of Delaware is unknown.** Currently, all three Habitat for Humanity affiliates base housing needs assumptions on years of experience and community relationships and partnerships but are undocumented by a citable study. As top producers in the state and recognized as forward-thinkers, we believe we can build a stronger case for funders to support this important work with a citable needs assessment – increasing our capacity to complete healthy home repairs in the state.

**We are looking for agencies to complete this vital assessment so we can better serve our communities with informed data and baselines.** Click here for the full RFP, including requirements and guidelines. Please submit proposals to Katie Millard at [katie@sussexcountyhabitat.org](mailto:katie@sussexcountyhabitat.org) by January 17, 2022.



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**About Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County**

Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County (HFHNCC) celebrates 35 years of impact in 2021. To date, HFHNCC has built over 256 homes and served over 1,000 families. Committed to changing lives and landscapes, HFHNCC provides affordable housing solutions for hard working, low-income families. Habitat engages residents in improving their neighborhoods, provides free critical home repairs to preserve existing homeownership, conducts financial literacy and home maintenance education for families in our homeownership program and builds affordable housing.

