

**Applicant information - Keep for reference.**

## URBAN COUNTY/CITY OF ST. PETERS LAWN MOWING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2012

The City of St. Peters (through the Urban County) has accepted a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to conduct the Community Development Block Grant Program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended. The goal of this program is to provide lawn-mowing services to eligible St. Peters residents. The Lawn Mowing Assistance Program is available to residents of the city who meet the criteria and require assistance with lawn mowing.

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES**

#### **A. Eligibility – General\***

In order to be eligible for the Lawn Mowing Assistance Program, the following criteria must be met:

- Individual must reside within the corporate city limits of St. Peters.
- Own the home where they reside
- Have a total household income not exceeding the HUD low-income limits
- Everyone living in the home is at least 62 years old or is disabled

In order to be accepted based on disability, an individual must meet HUD's Section 504 regulation which defines an individual with a disability as any person who has a physical or mental disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such an impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment (24 CFR 8.3). Major life activities include walking, talking, hearing, seeing, breathing, learning, performing manual tasks, and caring for oneself. The law also applies to individuals who have a history of such impairments as well as those who are perceived as having such an impairment.

**Everyone in the home must submit proof of age (copy of Drivers License or Birth Certificate) or proof of disability (Doctor or Social Worker note or Social Security Letter) and Federal Taxes and backup documentation.**

\*In order to be considered for this program, the application must be complete with all back up documentation included upon submittal.

## **B. Eligible Income**

Below are the maximum income level guidelines set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the Community Development Block Grant based on 2010 Federal Taxes. In order to be eligible for the Lawn Care Program, the household income must fall below the figure listed for your household. Acceptance will be based on lowest income first.

1 Person HH	\$ 24,350
2 Persons HH	\$ 27,800
3 Persons HH	\$ 31,300
4 Persons HH	\$ 34,750

If you were not required to file taxes, please check the statement included on the eligibility worksheet within the application and provide us with proof of all income—Social Security statements, Interest, Dividends, Pensions, Annuities, etc. Proof of any and all income received by those living in the home must be included with the application.

## **C. Eligible Services**

Eligible services covered by this program include lawn mowing.

## **D. Ineligible Services**

Landscaping, edging, aerating, raking leaves as well as all other lawn maintenance activities other than mowing, are not eligible activities under this program.

## **E. Process**

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2012.

Funds will be dispersed based on lowest income first. Depending on lot size and length of grass, participants will receive up to 7 lawn-mowings between April and October by a contractor hired and paid directly by the city. Participants will be required to contact the city with 72 hours notice, weather permitting, to schedule lawn-mowing appointments once accepted into the program.