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WOODBINE MAKES \$100,000 APPLICATION TO USDA FOR ADDITIONAL RECONDITIONING WORK AT HEAD START FACILITY

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made application to USDA Rural Development for grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 to carry out the balance of reconditioning work at the Borough-owned facility used to house the Woodbine Head Start & Early Head Start programs currently operated by Gateway Community Action Partnership and which have been in existence here since 1977.

This facility is used for both Early Head Start, beginning at six months, and Head Start, for up to five years of age. It primarily serves Woodbine and surrounding communities.

This project was initially funded by a \$386,488 grant from the Department of Community Affairs.

The proposed work will include replacement of the on-site septic system, removal and replacement of the shingle roofing system including new gutters and downspouts; removal and replacement of the center bay roof; replacement of exterior windows and installation in a classroom lacking windows; renovation of three restrooms to be ADA-accessible; construction of a connecting hallway from the kitchen to the main corridor and corresponding modifications to the kitchen; replacement and repair of selected doors and other hardware; replacement of flooring; repainting of rooms.

These improvements will make for a safer, healthier, and more accessible facility for the many low- to moderate-income families that use the Head Start building, while keeping pace with today's standards.

“This additional funding would allow us complete the full scope of this project. Given our long-standing fine relationship with USDA, a favorable review is anticipated,” added Mayor Pikolycky.