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City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake Applauds Healthy Neighborhoods Funding

Baltimore, MD (April 23, 2008) – Baltimore City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake praised her colleagues on the Board of Estimates today for passage of a \$1,000,000 grant to Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc, money that the Council President helped secure for community restoration in targeted neighborhoods throughout the City. The \$1,000,000 grant will serve as a matching-funds program for residents of targeted neighborhoods to rehabilitate their homes, thus increasing their property values and that of the surrounding area.

“This community restoration program truly embodies my ongoing focus to invest where Baltimore lives,” said Council President Rawlings-Blake. “The Board’s approval of these funds today demonstrates their collective support of neighborhood revitalization throughout our City.”

Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc assists strong but undervalued neighborhoods increase home values, market their communities, create high standards for property improvements and forge strong connections between neighborhoods. Started seven years ago as a pilot of the Baltimore Community Foundation and now an independent non-profit organization, Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc supports a network of 15 community organizations serving 35 neighborhoods that are committed to creating more homeownership, improving property conditions and building equity for longtime Baltimore working families.

The \$1,000,000 matching grant program secured by Council President Rawlings-Blake will benefit residents, who can apply for amounts between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Borrowers will not have to repay the funds as long as they occupy the residence for at least five years.

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