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CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE INTERVIEWING WOMEN ABOUT HOUSING CHOICES

The Cumberland County Community Development Office is looking for women to take a survey and be interviewed for a research project on the housing needs of women living alone or with roommates in the Portland area. This research is primarily funded by a generous grant from the Maine Community Foundation.

As of the 2000 census, single person households became the most common household type nationwide, and in the city of Portland 40% of households consisted of one person living alone, another 14% un-related adults living together. Elizabeth Trice, the Grants & Special Projects Coordinator for the county said, "As household composition changes, we may find that it makes sense to create different housing structures and different options for ownership, but we have a lot to learn."

Data will be collected through an online poll and in-depth interviews with women living alone or with roommates in the Portland area. Some of the interviewees will be invited to participate in a focus group further discussing some viable options for housing catered towards the needs of women living alone or with others. All participants will have a chance to win \$50 for their participation in the research.

Anyone interested in participating in this research should visit the projects website at www.cumberlandcounty.org/CD/Women/ and take the survey, or contact Elizabeth Trice at Trice@Cumberlandcounty.org, or 871-8380.