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75 Families in East Trinidad Receive Home Improvement Grants
Government continues commitment to housing and economic growth

Malabar, Arima – The Honourable Camille Robinson-Regis, Minister of Housing and Urban Development, and the Honourable Adrian Leonce, Minister in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, distributed **Home Improvement Grants (HIG)** to 75 families in East Trinidad at a ceremony held Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at the Upper Malabar Community Centre, Malabar Main Road, Malabar.

The HIG Programme, which provides up to **\$15,000** for essential home repairs, is a key initiative in the government's mission to improve housing conditions while stimulating local economies. In her address, Minister Robinson-Regis reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting families in need, stating that the programme is a critical part of the Ministry's strategy to create healthier living environments and spur community-based development.

"The Home Improvement Grant (HIG) Programme is a testament to your government's unwavering dedication to enhancing the quality of life for all our citizens. By supporting low-income households with essential repairs, we safeguard the future of our housing infrastructure, foster healthier living environments, and stimulate economic growth," Minister Robinson-Regis said.

Minister Leonce highlighted the broader economic impact of the programme, noting how it engages tradesmen, hardware suppliers, and contractors, contributing to job creation. He emphasized that the grants are an investment in citizens' dignity and well-being.

"Home improvement has profound implications for public health, family unity, and self-worth. Every citizen's home, no matter how humble, holds value in our eyes because you hold value in our hearts. This government stands with you and by you. Investing in your home is investing in your dignity, your well-being, and your future," said Minister Leonce.

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In addressing attendees, the Honourable Lisa Morris-Julian, Minister in the Ministry of Education and MP for D'Abadie/O'Meara spoke highly about the HIG programme, the surge of pride homeowners realise when they can undertake repairs to their homes to improve their living conditions. She encouraged persons to be patriots and be proud of these programmes.

The ceremony marks another milestone in the Ministry's **2024 goal** of assisting **800 families** through the HIG Programme. The government remains focused on ensuring that every citizen has access to safe, dignified housing, with plans to disburse a further **\$4.53 million** to more than **300 families** in the coming weeks.

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