

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has awarded \$1,959,564 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for nine owner-occupied rehab housing projects in southeast, northeast and southwest Nebraska.

Rehabilitation activities funded through this program also often include the repair or replacement of windows, doors and siding; roof repair or replacement; water heater, furnace, and/or AC replacement; installation of storm windows and insulation; repairs to walls, ceilings and floors; and accessibility modifications for persons with disabilities.

The projects include:

- Perkins County is getting \$256,992 in CDBG funding to rehabilitate eight owner-occupied homes in the County for individuals earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI.

The County expects to leverage funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) to offer up to \$24,999 in rehab assistance per home.

For information contact Rita Long at 308-352-4643, or clerk@perkins.nacone.org

- The City of Ashland has received \$256,992 in CDBG funds to help rehabilitate eight owner-occupied homes in Ashland.

The program will provide assistance to overcome “deferred maintenance” in homes typically owned by people earning at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) often including single owners, elderly persons or couples, and female homeowners living on fixed incomes.

For information contact Jessica Quady at 402-944-3387, or cityadmin@ashland.ne.com

- The City of Auburn was awarded \$224,868 CDBG funds to help rehabilitate seven owner-occupied homes in the City for people earning at or below 80 percent AMI.

Houses built in Auburn in 1939 or before comprised 36.2 percent of the stock while homes built in 1959 or before comprised 50.5 percent of the houses.

Between 2005-2009, Auburn rehabilitated 26 homes, and more homes are in the need of rehabilitation.

For information, contact Sherry Heskett at 402-274-3420, or sherry@auburn.ne.gov

- The City of Fairbury will use its \$256,992 CDBG award to rehabilitate eight owner-occupied homes in Fairbury for people earning at or below 80 percent AMI.

Following completion of the “Housing Market Study with Strategies for Affordable Housing” in May 2009, Fairbury rehabilitated nine homes of primarily single people, the elderly, and female homeowners on fixed incomes.

This project will continue to provide needed rehabilitation for additional units in the community.

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- The City of Peru has been awarded \$224,868 in CDBG funds to rehabilitate seven owner-occupied homes in the City for individuals earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI.

Houses built in Peru in 1939 or before comprised 70 percent of the stock while homes built in 1959 or before comprised 80.8 percent.

A 2006 Housing Study indicated that 61 percent respondents indicated an owner-occupied rehabilitation program was needed.

For information contact Cindy Moran at 402-872-6685 or peru_cityoffice@windstream.net

- The City of Plainview has received \$224,868 in CDBG funding to rehabilitate seven owner-occupied homes in Plainview for individuals earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI.

For information contact Michael Horton at 402-582-4928, or michaelh@plvtelco.net

- The City of Plattsmouth is getting \$224,868 in CDBG funding to rehabilitate seven owner-occupied homes in Plattsmouth for individuals earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI.

The City anticipates its continued partnership with the USDA RD Housing Services and Southeast Nebraska Community Action in providing homeowner services.

For information, contact Ervin Portis at 402-296-2522, or eportis@plattsmouth.org

- The Village of Stella will use its \$128,496 CDBG funding to rehabilitate four owner-occupied homes in the Village for individuals earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI.

The Village's Comprehensive Plan (2001-2011) indicated a need to rehabilitate up to 59 homes, and remove or replace an additional eight homes—a little more than half of all homes (about 115) in the Village.

For information contact Vicki Owings at 402-883-2428, or owings@sentco.net.

- The Village of Sutherland has been awarded \$160,620 CDBG funding to rehabilitate five owner-occupied homes in the Village for individuals earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI.

Sutherland previously rehabilitated ten homes using CDBG funding in 1998. A 2007 Community Strategic Plan and a 2011 Comprehensive Plan both identified affordable housing as a priority and strong need.

The Village expects to leverage funding through the USDA RD and offer up to \$24,999 rehab assistance per home.

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