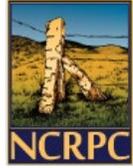


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NEWS RELEASE

North Central Regional Planning Commission Introduces New Pilot Programs to Improve Housing

Pilot programs include financial assistance for demolition and moderate-income housing rehabilitation in six Kansas counties

BELOIT, KS, MAY 11, 2022 — A new initiative that aims to improve housing is launching May 16 in several Kansas counties. Pilot programs offering financial assistance for demolition and moderate-income housing rehabilitation are included.

The programs are administered by the North Central Regional Planning Commission of Beloit, Kansas, through a partnership with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan, Kansas.

“The NCRPC Housing Initiative promises to address common housing issues facing almost all communities,” said Keegan Bailey, NCRPC Housing Director. “We are thrilled to have the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation helping to make these programs possible.”

The 2022 service locations include the following Kansas counties: Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Russell, and Smith. The initiative officially launches May 16 in these locations. Assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis with funding limited per county.

The Demolition Program offers reimbursement grants of up to \$5,000 per property for removal and cleanup of dilapidated structures.

“Dilapidated structures are in all cities — large or small — across the state,” Bailey said. “These structures adversely impact health and safety of neighboring residents as well as the value of their respective properties. This pilot program seeks to enlist the voluntary assistance of property owners to eliminate some of these conditions.”

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The Moderate Income Housing Rehabilitation Program offers reimbursement grants of up to \$12,500 to homeowners in eligible counties to complete minor housing upgrades. A 10 percent match is required of the homeowner. Rental properties are not eligible for this program. Households must meet moderate income guidelines outlined in the program application to be eligible to apply.

“The pilot rehabilitation program is designed to help preserve housing stock in our communities and ensure that future homeowners have access to a viable home with minor housing upgrades such as roofing, siding, or heating and air units,” Bailey said. “It will help address housing rehabilitation needs that often go underserved by other programs.”

It is anticipated that the NCRPC Housing Initiative will be expanded to remaining counties in the Dane G. Hansen Foundation service area through a phased rollout over the next four years.

To learn more about the Demolition Pilot Program and Moderate Income Housing Rehabilitation Pilot Program, visit www.ncrpc.org/housinginitiative/.

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The North Central Regional Planning Commission is a comprehensive planning and development organization serving a 12-county region in North Central Kansas. Several of its programs and services also extend into much of Kansas. For more information, visit www.ncrpc.org.

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