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NEWS RELEASE

Financial Assistance Announced for Housing Pilot Programs in Six Kansas Counties

Dane G. Hansen Foundation/NCRPC Housing Initiative partnership makes funds available for moderate-income housing rehabilitation, demolition pilot programs

BELOIT, KS, JUNE 7, 2023 — Residents in six Kansas counties soon may be eligible to apply for financial assistance for moderate-income housing rehabilitation or demolition of dilapidated residential structures. These programs are part of the NCRPC Housing Initiative, which will launch June 12.

The 2023 service locations include the following Kansas counties: Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Republic, and Rooks. Assistance will be available to income eligible residents on a first-come, first-served basis with funding limited per county.

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.

“Strengthening housing is a key to success for our rural communities,” said Keegan Bailey, NCRPC Housing Director. “We are grateful for the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation helping to make the NCRPC Housing Initiative possible.”

The Demolition Pilot Program offers reimbursement grants of up to \$5,000 per property for removal and cleanup of dilapidated residential structures. There are no income qualifications for the demolition program.

“We as residents become used to these dilapidated structures that can adversely impact health and safety of neighboring residents as well as the value of their respective properties,”

Bailey said. “This program seeks to enlist the voluntary assistance of property owners to eliminate some of these conditions.”

The Moderate Income Housing Rehabilitation Pilot Program offers reimbursement grants of up to \$10,000 to homeowners in eligible counties to complete minor housing upgrades. Examples of eligible housing upgrades include items such as roofing, siding, windows or heating and air units. Homeowners must provide a 10 percent match up to \$1,000 as well as pay any costs above and beyond the \$10,000 grant. Rental properties are not eligible for this program. Households must meet moderate income guidelines outlined in the program application to be eligible to apply.

“Housing is just like any other infrastructure in that without maintenance it becomes deteriorated,” Bailey said. “This rehabilitation program will help preserve housing stock in our communities and address needs that often go underserved by other programs.”

The first pilot programs for the NCRPC Housing Initiative launched in 2022 in Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Russell, and Smith counties. It is anticipated that the initiative will expand to additional counties in the Dane G. Hansen Foundation service area over the next three years.

Applications will be available online only beginning **June 12 after 9 a.m.** Due to anticipated demand, response time for questions may be delayed immediately following the program launch. For more information, please contact North Central Regional Planning Commission directly and to apply, 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 about the NCRPC, visit www.ncrpc.org.

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