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## **Initiative Helps Homeowners Complete Rehabilitation Projects**

Housing demolition funding still available in several Kansas counties through Dane G. Hansen Foundation/NCRPC Housing Initiative partnership

**BELOIT, KS, JULY 2, 2025** — Financial assistance provided through the third year of the NCRPC Housing Initiative enabled the completion of 90 housing rehabilitation projects across six Kansas counties, including Logan, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, and Sherman.

The North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) of Beloit, Kansas, administered the initiative through a partnership with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan, Kansas. The initiative offered two pilot programs: a Moderate-Income Housing Rehabilitation Pilot Program and a Demolition Pilot Program.

The Moderate-Income Housing Rehabilitation Pilot Program provided reimbursement grants of up to \$10,000 to homeowners to complete housing upgrades. The most common upgrades completed with grant assistance were new HVAC systems, windows, and flooring.

"This year, we again saw a huge demand for the rehabilitation program," said Keegan Bailey, NCRPC Housing Director. "It is making an impact in our rural communities by assisting homeowners that meet moderate-income requirements, which is a group that is not often served by other funding programs."

Although funds for rehabilitation have been spent for all six counties, there is still funding available for the demolition of dilapidated residential structures in these locations. Applicants may apply for reimbursement grants of up to \$5,000 per property for the removal and cleanup of residential structures, such as houses, garages, and sheds, through the Demolition Pilot Program. There are no income restrictions to be eligible to apply.

"The decision to remove a residential structure is usually not an easy one to make, but it can be necessary if a property is impacting the health and safety of neighboring residents," said Bailey. "Doing so may also open up an empty lot for new construction."

As of July 2, the following slots were available for the demolition pilot program: Logan County (9), Osborne County (2), Ottawa County (2), Phillips County (4), Rawlins County (2), and Sherman County (5).

The program will end on March 1, 2026 or when funds are expended.

"We are grateful for the continued support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation in helping to make these programs possible through the NCRPC Housing Initiative," said Bailey.

Similar pilot programs have also been completed in Cheyenne, Cloud, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Republic, Rooks, Russell, and Smith counties.

For the most up-to-date information on funding and to apply for the Demolition Pilot Program funding currently available in Logan, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, and Sherman Counties, please visit <a href="https://www.ncrpc.org/housinginitiative">www.ncrpc.org/housinginitiative</a>.

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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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