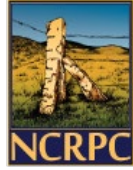


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Housing Programs Available Soon in Six Kansas Counties

Dane G. Hansen Foundation/NCRPC Housing Initiative partnership includes financial assistance for moderate-income housing rehabilitation, demolition pilot programs

BELOIT, KS, MAY 21, 2024 — Financial assistance for moderate-income housing rehabilitation or demolition of dilapidated residential structures will be available for a limited time in six Kansas counties beginning May 28th. 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 following six counties are eligible for assistance: Logan, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Rawlins, and Sherman. Assistance will be available to eligible residential property owners on a first-come, first-served basis, with funding limited per county.

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

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 and 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.

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“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 Keegan Bailey, NCRPC Housing Director. “Housing is critical for communities, and these programs will help preserve housing stock, address housing rehabilitation needs that often go underserved by other programs, and eliminate dilapidated structures that can impact the health and safety of neighboring residents.”

The first pilot programs for the NCRPC Housing Initiative launched in 2022 in Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Russell, and Smith counties. In 2023, the programs were available in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Republic, and Rooks counties.

Applications will be available **online only** beginning May 28th after 9 a.m. Central Time. Due to anticipated demand, response time for questions may be delayed immediately following the program launch. Please visit the North Central Regional Planning Commission’s website at www.ncrpc.org/housinginitiative for more information and to apply.

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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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