

Southwest Nebraska Community Better Corporation received \$100,000 from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for projects in Perkins, Chase, Dundy, Hayes and Hitchcock counties.

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has awarded \$1.7 million in HOME funding for owner-occupied rehab, and purchase, rehab, resale housing projects in Nebraska.

The projects include:

- Blue Valley Community Action, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)(3), has received \$400,000 HOME funds to help rehabilitate 14 owner-occupied homes in Gage, Fillmore, Jefferson, Saline, Thayer and York counties throughout southeastern Nebraska.

The homes are owned by people earning at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). Funding also covers housing management and testing for lead-based paint. For information contact Kim Vicars at 402-729-2278, or kvicars@diodecom.net

- Central Nebraska Economic Development, Inc., dba Central Nebraska Housing Developers (CNHD), a nonprofit housing program, was awarded \$300,000 HOME funds to operate homebuyer assistance programs that serve a minimum nine low- and moderate-income families residing in the organization's 17-county region.

A portion of funding also will cover housing management and testing for lead-based paint. Each program features three components: purchase, rehab and resale; down payment and rehab assistance, and homebuyer education.

Those who earn 80 percent below the AMI may qualify for the program. The counties within CNHD's coverage area are: Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Hamilton, Holt, Howard, Keya Paha, Loup, Merrick, Rock, Sherman, Valley and Wheeler. For information contact Judy Petersen at 402-340-0106 or judy@cnhdhome.org

- Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and designated Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), will use its \$150,000 HOME funding to rehabilitate a minimum six owner-occupied homes of people earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI in Buffalo, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney and Phelps counties.

The organization is partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, Assistive Technology Partnership, Lead Hazard Control and Weatherization Assistance Program in their area.

A portion of the funding also will go toward housing management and testing for lead-based paint. For information contact Jackie L. Harpst at 308-865-5675 or jharpst@mnca.net

- High Plains CDC, a CHDO, is getting \$150,000 in HOME funding to purchase, rehabilitate and resell an existing property in the city of Chadron in Dawes County. A portion of the funding will be used for direct homebuyer assistance, housing management and testing for lead-based paint. The home will be sold to a first-time homebuyer earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI. For information contact Marguerite Vey-Miller at 308-432-4346, ext. 5, or margueritem@gpcom.net

- Nebraska Housing Developers Association (NHDA), a nonprofit 501 (c)(3), has been awarded \$200,000 in Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Funds to help modify six homes for persons with disabilities and their families through the statewide Making Homes Accessible program.

NHDA collaborates with the Assistive Technology Partnership, which provides homeowners with technical help in identifying needed technologies and modifications.

The Association then undertakes the housing rehab, often in partnership with other local and regional housing rehab programs. For information contact Danielle Hill at 402-435-0315, ext. 1, or danielle@housingdevelopers.org

- Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council, Inc., a nonprofit 501 (c)(3), has received \$400,000 in HOME funding to rehabilitate 14 owner-occupied homes of homeowners earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI in Cass, Otoe and Sarpy counties.

Funding will go toward rehabilitative services that address code deficiencies, minimum rehabilitation standards, energy conservation, fire protection, testing for lead-based paint, and general improvements. SENCA also has secured funding from the Weatherization program for energy conservation activities. For information, contact Richard Winslow at 402-862-2411, ext. 101, or rwinslow@neb.rr.com

- Southwest Nebraska Community Betterment Corporation(SWNCBC), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) has received \$100,000 in HOME funding to purchase, rehabilitate and resell a home in Imperial, Wauneta, or Grant, Neb.

A portion of the funding will go toward housing management and testing for lead-based paint. The home will be sold to a first-time homebuyer earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI.

SWNCBC serves Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, and Perkins counties.