

Perkins County along with Southwest Nebraska Community Betterment Corporation are leading a cooperative effort to provide some needed renovation to homes within the incorporated communities of Perkins County using funding provided by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

The housing program, referred to as Owner Occupied Rehab, provides families living at a moderate to low income level who own their homes, is a financial resource to complete renovation work such as new windows, doors, siding, roofing, heating systems and insulation.

Where the homeowner falls in the Area Medium Income will determine if the dollar amount of assistance is a "forgivable loan" with no repayment necessary as long as the families maintain the property as their primary residence, or if the loan will be paid back over the next 10 years at 0 percent interest.

Families can qualify for assistance through Perkins County and SWNCBC allowing extensive renovation projects to be accomplished on their homes.

At this time, funding is available for eight families to receive up to \$24,500 in housing assistance.

Applications are being accepted for this rehabilitation program from Feb. 15 until March 18.

Any applications received after March 18 will not be eligible for this round of OOR funds.

For more information or an application, contact the Perkins County Clerk's Office at (308)352-4643 or Southwest Nebraska Community Betterment Corporation at 308-352-4338.