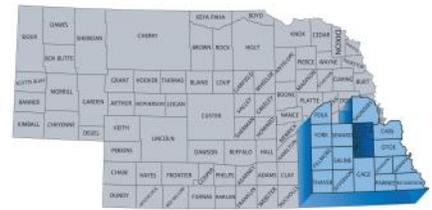


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Southeast Nebraska Development District



## Downtown Revitalization Grants Bring Progress to Communities

One of the most unique programs made available to Nebraska communities by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development is the Downtown Revitalization program. This program, funded by Community Development Block Grant funds, provides investments that contribute to the revitalization and redevelopment of downtown infrastructure. Funding can also be used to address health and safety concerns and promote opportunities for growth within defined downtown areas.

Each project is divided into two separate processes – Phase I is the pre-development phase, while Phase II is the implementation phase. During Phase I, a pre-development study is completed that identifies outcomes as well as a plan to reach those goals during implementation. This phase provides many opportunities for public involvement to develop a place that is specific to each community. The goal of Phase I is the development of a plan that can be implemented within the community during Phase II.

Following the successful completion of Phase I, communities will receive additional funding to implement project activities in Phase II that were identified during Phase I.

The results of these projects vary from community to community. Some projects result in sidewalk improvements and streetscape improvements that transform the look and walkability of downtown. Other projects result in major public works improvements to water systems and infrastructure below the City streets. Other communities have identified the need for façade improvement that provides funding for investment into the infrastructure of downtown buildings, including historical restoration. The flexibility of the program allows each community to tailor the program to its unique needs.

Currently, SENDD is administering Downtown Revitalization projects in Auburn, Brownville, Crete, Falls City, Plattsmouth, and Tecumseh.



**Before & After Photos:**  
A look of historical restoration on a commercial building in downtown Plattsmouth, NE.



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As SENDD is updating our presence on the web, we have taken the first step by creating a SENDD Facebook page. Look for other improvements to the website, newsletter, press releases and more in the coming months!



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## OOR Projects Seeking Applicants

### Funding available in Crete, Humboldt, Nebraska City and Tecumseh

SENDD is currently seeking applications for owner occupied housing rehabilitation programs in several communities. These programs are open to income eligible homeowners with the city limits. All projects are funded 100% by grant funds. No repayment is required as long as the resident lives in the home for five years as their primary residence following completion of the project. Construction needs will vary as determined by an inspection of the home but typically include heating, plumbing, roofs, windows, and doors. The maximum amount of repairs cannot exceed \$24,995.

For more information, contact SENDD at 1-844-475-2560 or contact your City Hall.



## SERN QUARTERLY MEETING

**RSVP and SAVE the DATE** for the next Quarterly SERN Meeting to be held on **Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** at the **York College Mackey Center in York, Nebraska.** Lunch will be available at the cost of the attendee (*Must register in advance, cancellations at least 2 days prior to meeting. No shows will be billed*)

**Please RSVP for attendance to the SERN host,** York County Development Corporation at: [dheskett@yorkdevco.com](mailto:dheskett@yorkdevco.com)

Include RSVP for attendance at each: 1. Meeting 2. Lunch and 3. Presentation/Tour

**SouthEast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN)** members share information about successes, initiatives, resources, and programs for the region and connect with Federal, State, and Local resource providers. The SERN Region includes: Polk, Butler, Saunders, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Fillmore, Saline, Gage, Johnson, Nemaha, Thayer, Jefferson, Pawnee, and Richardson.

Please contact Craig Eberle to be added to the SERN Email Distribution list or for more information about SERN.

## USDA Rural Development Housing Meeting

### Hometown Housing Opportunities - Building Communities Together

Public Community Meeting Scheduled in Deshler, Nebraska

WHEN: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at Noon

WHERE: Jennifer Reinke Memorial Library,  
310 E Pearl Ave, Deshler, NE

Please RSVP to Rebecca Stengel-402.365.7211 or email at [rebecca.stengel@midwestbank.com](mailto:rebecca.stengel@midwestbank.com).

See [www.rd.usda.gov/NE](http://www.rd.usda.gov/NE) for more details.

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## New Faces at SENDD

Crystal Dunekacke began work as a Community Development Specialist on February 29th in the Humboldt office. Previously employed by SENDD in 2010-2011, Crystal is looking forward to working with local communities in the southern region of the SENDD service area. Crystal has worked in nonprofit organizations in various capacities as well as in the accounting department of a manufacturing company. She has a Bachelor's degree from Peru State College and a Master of Public Administration degree from the UNO. Crystal lives with husband and two children in Humboldt. She enjoys serving her community and is the Mayor of the City of Humboldt.

Sally Bennett joined SENDD as the office administrator/bookkeeper in the Lincoln office during the first week in May. She is originally from rural Nebraska and lived on a farm in the western Seward County area as a child. She attended Utica Public schools and Centennial High School. With her 20+ years of experience in accounting and bookkeeping for the insurance industry, Sally brings a wealth of talent to us. One interesting item is that Sally was working in this Lincoln office space for an insurance group, when SENDD first moved into the current building here in Lincoln in 1989. She says the carpet is the same!

Rhonda Standerford joined SENDD as a part-time office administrator in the Humboldt office on June 20, 2016. Rhonda has previous experience in office administration and will be a great addition to the Humboldt office. She has a Bachelor's degree from Peru State College. Rhonda and her husband Tom reside in rural Humboldt.

## SEND, Inc. Funding Announcement

### SEND, Inc.

Southeast Nebraska Development, Inc.

Southeast Nebraska Development, Inc. (SEND, Inc.) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that is staffed and administered by SENDD. SEND, Inc. currently has loan funding available through the USDA-RD Rural Microentrepreneurship Assistance Program (RMAP). This funding is available to new and existing small businesses in the 15 county SEND, Inc. coverage area.

Loans are specifically targeted toward small micro-businesses (less than 10 employees) that need loan capital for working capital, equipment, inventory, furniture/fixtures, and real estate acquisition. The total maximum loan amount to any individual borrower is \$50,000. The loans will be for a term of 10 years or less, with a low interest rate fixed for the entire term. Please contact Craig Eberle for more information and to receive an application packet.

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