

SENDD Assists Member Communities To Secure Over \$1.8 Million Dollars in CDBG Funds in 2016 Grant Cycle

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Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) is excited to announce the results of the 2016 grant cycle from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development’s (DED) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. SENDD is proud to have assisted member communities with ten successful applications.

	Community	CDBG Funds
Downtown Revitalization - Phase I Planning	Seward	\$ 30,000
	York	\$ 30,000
Downtown Revitalization - Phase II Implementation	Brownville	\$ 350,000
	Crete	\$ 350,000
Comprehensive Development	Nebraska City	\$ 30,000
	York	\$ 30,000
Planning	Fairbury	\$ 30,000
Housing	Deshler	\$ 265,000
	Fairbury	\$ 331,250
	Fairmont	\$ 430,625
	Total	\$ 1,876,875

The **Downtown Revitalization** category funds awards to communities to make improvements to central business districts. The first phase is a planning, pre-development process during which the community develops a plan. Seward will use \$30,000 in Phase I CDBG funds to develop a downtown revitalization plan that focuses on preserving their historic downtown and evaluating the area for second story residential development. York will utilize \$30,000 in Phase I CDBG funds to develop a strategic downtown plan to prioritize property improvements for business and visitors. The second phase is an implementation phase, which provides funding to communities to put the plans from the phase one planning process into action. Brownville received \$350,000 in Phase II CDBG funds to implement commercial rehabilitation and public facilities improvement in the Village’s historic downtown. Crete will utilize \$350,000 in Phase II CDBG funds to implement a commercial rehabilitation program in the City’s historic downtown.

The **Comprehensive Development** category funds projects in communities with investments in housing and infrastructure that will benefit neighborhoods with concentrations of low and moderate income residents. The first phase is a planning, pre-development process during which communities will assess possible housing and public works projects with resident and stakeholder. Nebraska City and York both received \$30,000 in CDBG funds, which will be utilized during the planning process. The resulting plan will be used to apply for Phase II implementation funds.

The **Planning** category funds planning projects including strategic plans, comprehensive development plans, and housing plans. Fairbury has been awarded \$30,000 in CDBG funds to complete a corridor study of H Street, including street improvements and storm water management.

The **Housing** category funds owner occupied rehabilitation programs that rehabilitate homes within the community owned by residents at are below 80% of area median income. Deshler received \$265,000 in CDBG funds to rehabilitate eight homes. Fairbury received \$331,250 in CDBG funds to rehabilitate ten homes. Fairmont received \$430,625 in CDBG funds to rehabilitate 13 homes. In addition to grant administration, SENDD will also provide housing management and lead testing services.

In addition to these funding categories, CDBG grant funds are also available for tourism and public works projects. The **Tourism** category funds projects including historic restoration, cultural sites, and removal of architectural barriers to increase accessibility of sites for elderly and disabled visitors. The **Public Works** category funds projects including street, curb, gutter, sidewalk or storm sewer; public libraries and fire/rescue stations, among others.

Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) is a voluntary association of counties and municipalities serving a 15 county area. Though SENDD is known for assisting communities with grant writing and grant administration, SENDD also provide member communities with business and industry financing through revolving loan funds or financial packaging through coordination with other funding sources. SENDD also provides other types of professional assistance, planning, and surveys as well as nuisance abatement services.

For additional information how SENDD can help your county or community develop projects for the 2017 grant application cycle, as well as information on business loans and development, please contact SENDD Interim Director Craig Eberle at 1-844-475-2560.