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## **City of Ashland Seeking Applicants for A Potential Housing Rehabilitation Program**

**The City of Ashland may submit a CDBG Application for Funds to Assist  
With Home Improvements**

Ashland (March 2012)

The City of Ashland is requesting residents needing financial assistance in completing housing rehabilitation projects to submit a pre-application by June 1, 2012. The pre-applications are being requested from potential program participants to determine a market for financing. The City anticipates submitting an application for 2012 to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to establish an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program for the City of Ashland.

If the application is approved, eligible homeowners may receive assistance to make improvements ranging from \$5,000 to \$24,000 to their homes. If funded, eligible repairs include health and safety issues and all major systems which would bring a property to accepted housing standards and extend the effective life of the house for another twenty years.

Eligibility for the Housing Rehabilitation Program is determined by several criteria including owning and occupying a single-family residence within the City of Ashland and meeting annual household income limits.

The program is funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and will be implemented in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law (The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988).

Residents interested may stop by the City Clerk's office located at 2304 Silver Street Ashland, NE 68003 to pick up a brochure with additional details, application, and return envelope. Information and pre-application forms are also available at the offices of the Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND D), 2631 "O" Street, Lincoln, NE 68510-1398. Questions may be directed to Jen Olds at 402.475.2560 or e-mail [jolds@sendd.org](mailto:jolds@sendd.org).

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