

Relief available for storm-damaged homes

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Application deadline is Aug. 31.

If you own and live in your home, reside in Dawson County, and are a victim of the June 2010 storms, you may be eligible for disaster relief assistance from the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund, granted by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

The maximum amount of funding per household is \$7,500, which is in the form of a grant. To be eligible homeowners must have annual gross incomes no greater than \$62,600, no matter what household size.

Items generally covered by disaster relief funds are hot water heaters, furnaces, dry wall repair, septic tanks and decontamination of wells. No mobile homes or personal property items are eligible to the program.

Any costs experienced by the homeowner and paid out prior to approval to the program are not eligible for reimbursement. Homeowners insurance must have been in place at the time of loss. Insurance deductibles are eligible for reimbursement if the work is completed after receiving approval to the program.

Application packets are available at the Gothenburg City Hall, the Cozad City Offices, and at the Dawson County Clerk's office.

For more information or to get questions answered, call West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) at 308-284-6077. WCNDD is administering the program on behalf of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

The application process will close Aug. 31 and applicants will be notified in writing if they are accepted to the program. Completed applications should be sent to WCNDD, PO Box 599, Ogallala, NE 69153.

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