

The Housing Market Survey Grant Program is a cost-sharing incentive program for rural communities to develop a local housing strategy. A housing strategy or plan is essential for a community striving to maintain or expand its population. This is true whether the community is pursuing economic and workforce development, or whether it is just trying to maintain its population by keeping aging housing stock viable and offering alternative housing solutions for its citizens. The critical first step to establishing a successful housing strategy is to conduct a market survey/analysis to determine the status of existing housing as well as, future housing needs.

1. Eligible applicants are communities or non-profit organizations representing or working in partnership with communities.
2. Eligible communities must meet the USDA Rural Development definition of rural (populations of 20,000 or less).
3. The maximum grant will be 50 percent of the out-of-pocket costs of the market survey, not to exceed \$5,000.
4. Applicant should submit written notification to the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) indicating intent to conduct a market survey and request participation in the Housing Market Survey Grant Program by completing the **Housing Market Survey Grant Application**.
5. NDHFA will issue a written commitment letter, as appropriate. Market survey should be completed within six months from the date of approval to proceed.
6. Upon completion of the market survey, the eligible applicant will submit the **Housing Market Survey Grant Request for Payment**.
7. The request for payment should be made within 60 days following completion of the survey.

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