

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) is the portion of the Consolidated Plan that is prepared each year as the annual plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) programs. For the State of North Dakota, North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services (DCS) administers CDBG, HOME and ESG programs and North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) administers HTF.

The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify the various federal and state resources that might be expected to be available to address the priority housing and non-housing community development needs and objectives in the Strategic Plan section of the Consolidated Plan. In addition, the Action Plan describes how funds will be distributed through the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HTF programs; the projects planned for homeless and other special needs persons; other actions required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and the short-term non-housing objectives for each planning region in the state. The Action Plan contains summaries of the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HTF programs, additional program details can be found in the respective program distribution statements and annual action plans found in the appendix of this Action Plan.

The State of North Dakota is required by the HUD to prepare an Action Plan for Housing and Community Development annually. Timely completion of the Action Plan in a HUD-acceptable format helps ensure continued funding of housing and community development activities throughout the state. Beginning in 2019, the State of North Dakota prepared its Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan), covering the program years 2020 – 2024. This Con Plan contains information about demographic, economic, and housing market trends in the state; analysis of statewide affordable housing needs; findings from the citizen participation process; and an analysis of the needs of special populations. The State uses the goals and priorities identified in the Con Plan as a basis for the Annual Action Plan draft. The following represents the second year of that five-year plan, the 2021 One-Year Action Plan for allocating the state's federal block grant funds to address housing and community development needs. In order to make the document more informative for citizens and more useful for policy makers and those engaged in the production of affordable housing, the document describes actions and activities to be undertaken with resources beyond the federal grant programs and by organizations other than those administering the federal grant programs. It is intended to represent a comprehensive Action Plan for affordable housing and community development activities statewide. The goals and activities identified here can by no means be accomplished through the use of the federal grant programs alone. Where possible, the

plan specifies those actions or activities that are expected to be undertaken with other resources as well as the related outcomes expected to be achieved.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The goals of the programs administered by the State of North Dakota are to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities for the state's low- and moderate-income residents. DCS and NDHFA strive to accomplish these goals by maximizing and effectively utilizing all available funding resources to conduct housing and community development activities that will serve the economically disadvantaged residents of the state. By addressing need and creating opportunity at the individual and neighborhood levels, the State of North Dakota hopes to improve the quality of life for all residents of the state. These goals are further explained as follows:

- *Providing decent housing* means helping homeless persons obtain appropriate housing and assisting those at risk of homelessness; preserving the affordable housing stock; increasing availability of permanent housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income persons without discrimination; and increasing the supply of supportive housing.
- *Providing a suitable living environment* entails improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality facilities and services; and reducing the isolation of income groups within an area through integration of low-income housing opportunities.
- *Expanding economic opportunities* involves creating jobs that are accessible to low- and moderate-income persons; making mortgage financing available for low- and moderate-income persons at reasonable rates; providing access to credit for development activities that promote long-term economic and social viability of the community; and empowering low-income persons to achieve self-sufficiency to reduce generational poverty in federally-assisted and public housing.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The State's evaluation of its past performance has been completed in a thorough Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). These documents state the objectives and outcomes identified in each year's Annual Action Plan and includes an evaluation of past performance through measurable goals and objectives compared to actual performance. These documents can be found on DCS's website at:

<http://www.communityservices.nd.gov/communitydevelopment/ConsolidatedPlan/>

The CDBG Program provided financial assistance to eligible units of local Governments in the form of grants and loans for public facilities, housing rehabilitation, and economic development projects. Housing projects include rehabilitation of very low and low-income homeowner units; public facilities include water and sewer projects, removal of architectural barriers, fire halls, and ambulances; and economic development activities include funding cities and counties to loan/grant to businesses which create jobs for low-income persons. CDBG activities and accomplishments report shows the program has funded a total of 89 activities and disbursing over \$3.1 million in funds to-date for the FY2020 program year. The 89 activities include a total of 32 projects for public facilities improvements, 8 housing rehabilitation, and 13 economic development projects.

The ESG program awards grant funds directly to emergency/homeless shelters and agencies throughout the state to fund activities such as operational expenses, essential services, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing and the HMIS (Homeless Management Information System). In FY2020, 31 agencies received ESG awards totaling \$549,008 in funding. FY2020 accomplishments will be reported in the 2020 CAPER report.

HOME – The HOME program is in the process of transitioning administration to NDHFA, with a goal effective date of July 1, 2021. NDHFA is working with DCS to evaluate the HOME program and identify areas of opportunity for improvement of policy and procedures. NDHFA has also requested TA from HUD to assist with the transition process. In FY 20 the HOME program was generally put on hold to process through existing projects. During 2020 program year, a total of \$2.7 million HOME funds remain uncommitted to activities. Applications for homeowner rehabilitation activities will continue to be accepted from the Community Action Agencies. NDHFA and DCS are working with the CAAs to assess outstanding awards and reallocate funds to more active CAAs. There are three multifamily projects under development using HOME funds. All projects are progressing and will reach completion in the next year. NDHFA and DCS will look to commit multifamily production and rehabilitation project funds during the September 2021 competitive allocation round. For FY 2020 the current program performance report shows the following disbursements and unit completion: Rental 20 units completed, \$769,350 disbursed, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) 199 units, \$51,788 disbursed and single-family rehabilitation 11 units, \$262,704 disbursed.

HTF continues to be used in partnership with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). This partnership allows HTF dollars to enhance LIHTC applicants' ability to target units designated for extremely low-income households. There is a total of four activities, 99 HTF assisted units under construction and four activities, 63 assisted units, that received conditional commitments and are working towards a financial award. No projects have been completed so far in FY 2020.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

2021 Proposed Amendment: 08/2021 North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) is amended the 2021 Action Plan and 2021 HOME program distribution Statement (PDS) to reallocate all 2016-2020 unexpended project funds for multifamily rental production and rehabilitation.

Unexpended funds are as follows:

- 2016 – \$189,497.58
- 2017 – \$494,790.47
- 2018 – \$832,355.38
- 2019 – \$755,158.80
- 2020 – \$1,780,000.00

The available funds were increased from \$1,475,160 to \$5,526,962 of which \$1,350,859 will be set aside for CHDO multifamily rental applications. Applications for the funds will be accepted in the September 30, 2021 multifamily production and rehabilitation application round. Comments on the proposed amendment were accepted from August 18, 2021 – September 17, 2021.

CDBG /ESG

For the development of the CDBG portions of this Action Plan, DCS followed its Citizen Participation Plan by arranging the eight Regional Planning Councils to hold a public hearing in each region. The minutes and comments received at those hearings are found in the appendix to this plan.

HOME Program Distribution

The 2021 HOME program distribution plan (PDS) was made available for comment prior to the annual action plan. NDHFA intended to seek input on the plan prior from stakeholders, local advocates, community action agencies, homeless providers and other agency partners. A notice of public input meeting and solicitation of comments was published in all the North Dakota daily newspapers on February 22, 2021, with a corresponding public input meeting held on March 10, 2021.

Housing Trust Fund

Prior to drafting the 2021 Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan, development and non-profit partners and the supportive services collaborative partners are invited to provide input and suggested changes to the prior year allocation plan. There were no changes suggested this year. A draft plan was then developed and a notice of public hearing and solicitation of comments was published in all North Dakota daily newspapers on March 1, 2021, with a corresponding public hearing held on April 1, 2021.

The 2021 Action Plan was made available for public comment during the period of April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021. The Citizen Participation Plan has been included as an attachment.

See attached Citizen Participation information for more details.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

2021 HOME Amendment There were no comments received on the proposed amendment to reallocate unexpended funds to multifamily production and rehabilitation. The public notice details are attached to the citizen participation attachment.

2021 HOME Program Distribution Plan Input Meeting

There was a total of 6 attendees at the public input meeting. Comments were generally received regarding requests to ensure the HOME multifamily application process is similar to the LIHTC and HTF application processes that NDHFA undertakes. NDHFA does plan to have the September application round function similarly to all other programs.

Comments were received questioning whether preservation points could be awarded to a project that receives a HUD 8BB PBRA transfer. NDHFA agreed to align these points with LIHTC and HTF allocation plans and include 8BB in the point category.

Written comments were received from the Community Action Agency Partnership. Two of the comments were related to concerns with lead-based paint activities and contractors. NDHFA confirmed the threshold requirements for applicability are regulated under 24 CFR 35.915 and not adjustable. NDHFA and NDDOC agree that lack of contractors is a significant barrier and will work with other state agencies and partners to develop a plan to encourage certification. Comments also requested use of HOME funds for TBRA projects. At this time NDHFA is planning to narrow the scope of HOME program. TBRA will be considered in future plans.

National Housing Trust Fund 2021 Allocation Plan

There were a total of seven participants in the public hearing. Prior to the hearing one comment was received and incorporated into the hearing discussion. During the hearing, one comment was received and it was in support of the change in developer fee from Section III- General Provisions, page 10 of the HTF Allocation Plan, which is attached to this action plan. All comments and discussions from this hearing as well as proof of publication are available in the attachment- Citizen Participation.

CDBG/ESG- See the attached citizen participation information for details on public comments received.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

2021 HOME Program Distribution- comments not accepted are listed above in the summary of public comments section.

2021 HTF Allocation Plan- there are no comments or views that were provided and not accepted.

CDBG/ESG - see attached citizen participation information for more information.

7. Summary

The following list presents the needs of the North Dakota Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development.

The strategies the state will pursue over the five-year period are as follows:

- **Affordable Rental Housing:** As shown throughout this Plan in data and public input, low to moderate income households is a high priority for the State of North Dakota, particularly those facing housing problems (such as cost burden, overcrowding, and incomplete kitchen and plumbing facilities). Households with cost burdens account for almost over 35 percent of renter households in the State. Increasing the supply and access of affordable rental housing in the State is a high priority.
- **Affordable Homeowner Housing:** As shown throughout this Plan in data and public input, low to moderate income households is a high priority for the State of North Dakota, particularly those facing housing problems and cost burdens. Increasing the supply and access of affordable homeowner housing in the State is a high priority.
- **Homelessness:** While the State places a high need on those households that are currently homeless, it also finds households at imminent risk of homelessness are a high priority in order to further the effort to reduce homelessness throughout North Dakota.
- **Vital Public Facilities:** Providing suitable living environments through supporting vital public facilities is a high priority in the State.
- **Special Needs Populations:** Providing services to special needs populations, such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with substance abuse disorders, and veterans is a high priority in the State. This also includes low to moderate income households in need of services.
- **Economic Development:** Promoting economic development to benefit low to moderate income households and promote self-sufficiency and economic growth is a high priority in North Dakota.
- **Priority Infrastructure:** Providing suitable living environments through funding infrastructure in the State is a high priority.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.300(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	NORTH DAKOTA	Division of Community Services
HOME Administrator	NORTH DAKOTA	North Dakota Housing Finance Agency
ESG Administrator	NORTH DAKOTA	Division of Community Services
	NORTH DAKOTA	North Dakota Housing Finance Agency

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services (DCS) in partnership with North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) prepared the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans. DCS administers CDBG, ESG, and HOME programs and NDHFA administers Housing Trust Fund. In 2021 DCS and NDHFA have been working to transition the administration of the HOME program to NDHFA. The transfer is being considered by the ND Legislative Assembly and if approved this legislative session will be effective July 1, 2021. Since publication of the action plan, the ND Legislative Assembly did approve the transfer of the program with an July 1, 2021 effective date.

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.110, 91.300(b); 91.315(l)

1. Introduction

The North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services (DCS) in partnership with North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) prepare the Consolidated Plan and the annual action plans. The Consolidated Plan serves as a five-year strategic plan that DCS and NDHFA will use when preparing annual action plans. The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) was prepared with the consultation of public and private agencies that provide housing, health and social services. State health and child welfare agencies were also consulted concerning lead-based paint hazards. Through the use of focus groups, surveys and direct communication, DCS collected input from a variety of statewide and local agencies. This input was utilized to help develop the Con Plan and determine the priorities of the state for the next five years.

Provide a concise summary of the state's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies

The State encourages the coordination of public and private housing and service providers by utilizing statewide information to determine priorities for funding throughout the state. The State prioritizes funding activities that include coordination between public and private housing and service providers. HOME program distribution statement and HTF allocation plans are designed to prioritize projects that provide tenant support coordination and additional points for partnerships with Medicaid billable service providers.

The DCS and NDHFA participate in statewide meetings and efforts of the of the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People (NDCHP) and North Dakota Continuum of Care (NDCoC) The NDCHP serves communities across the State, bringing advocacy, education, data collection, and resource development to over 70 agencies. ND has one CoC and NDHFA acts as the Collaborative Applicant for the statewide CoC.

The State attends monthly supportive housing collaborative meetings that are coordinated by Money Follows the Person (MFP) housing initiative. These meetings are held regionally across the State and bring together a variety of agencies including: Public Housing Authorities, Public Health Services, Law Enforcement, Hospital Providers, Developers, Business Leaders and the Department of Human Services (DHS). These meetings enhance the collaboration and coordination of service providers, government and private funding opportunities, local issues, and other housing related activities. Regionally these discussions have led to the development of housing resources and have identified specific need for PSH projects in certain communities. In August 2020, the State completed the technical assistance from the Medicaid-Housing Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP). Through this work a diver diagram with the main AIM to increase the number of individuals who are in supportive housing and receive services. The

IAP group identified goals and tasks necessary for the State to reach that AIM and created an implementation plan. This work has led to the state implementing a 1915(i) state plan amendment through Medicaid. The amendment expands Home and Community Based service delivery to include housing support services for a targeted population. NDHFA and DCS will continue to work with DHS to implement 1915(i).

For the development of the 2021 Action Plan, the DCS requires the eight Regional Planning Councils to hold one public hearing in each region. These meetings are attended by persons and agencies interested in CDBG funding for the upcoming year. The minutes and comments received from the eight regional public hearing meetings are included as an attachment to this plan.

For the development of the HOME Program Distribution Statement and the National Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plans, NDHFA requests agencies and partners to provide input and comments of suggested changes to prior year plans as the 2021 plans are prepared.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

The ESG program works very closely with the 30 agencies in the state and the Continuum of Care (CoC) to identify and address the needs of the homeless and the chronic homeless. The DCS works closely with the Statewide CoC. Through statewide meetings with these agencies, coordination is always evolving to better serve the needs of the homeless. This may mean that more funding is allocated toward homeless prevention and/or rapid rehousing, if needed. DCS is looking into collaborating and being involved more on group discussions and committees/boards with entities throughout North Dakota.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the State in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

Funds are allocated based on the priority needs as established in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). Through the con plan planning process, the State consulted with the Statewide CoC and service agencies to determine how the needs of the homeless will best be addressed and how the State can meet the goals to reduce and end homeless throughout North Dakota. NDDOC included the NDCoC collaborative applicant, NDHFA, and the NDHFA Planning and Housing Development Director in the ranking and scoring selection process for the 2021 ESG-CV funding round.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Tri-County Regional Dev Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Tri-County Regional Development Council held a public hearing on February 26th, 2021. The Tri-County Regional Development Council did not receive any written or oral comments from any of the city/county entities within the region. The only comment received was at the public hearing from Ms. Abby Ritz of AE2S Engineering and Consulting firm in regard to questioning the CDBG program. Tri-County Regional Development Council is distributing their CDBG allocation to Housing Rehab, Housing Opportunity, & Multi-Jurisdictional programs.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Souris Basin Planning Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Souris Basin Planning Council held their 2021 CDBG Public Hearing on February 25, 2021. The Souris Basin Planning Council is distributing their CDBG allocation to Public Facilities. Abby Ritz from AE2S Engineering and Consulting firm commented that grant maximums tend to be a greater issue than grant minimums. She also expressed the need for planning to be an eligible grant activity.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	North Central Planning Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	North Central Planning Council held a public meeting on February 26, 2021. Jill Haakenson from USDA-RD had questions on 504 plans.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Red River Regional Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Red River Regional Council held their public meeting on February 25, 2021. The Red River Regional Council is distributing their CDBG allocation to Housing. Four people were present at the meeting and explained the needs in their communities that CDBG funds may help.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Lake Agassiz Regional Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Lake Agassiz Regional Council held their public hearing on February 26, 2021. Comments in general were made on potential projects. Lake Agassiz Regional Council is distributing their CDBG allocation to Public Facilities and Housing.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	South Central Dakota Regional Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	South Central Dakota Regional Council held a public hearing on February 26, 2021. South Central Dakota Regional Council received questions in general pertaining to their scoring and ranking.

7	Agency/Group/Organization	LEWIS AND CLARK REGIONAL COUNCIL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Lewis and Clark Regional Development Council held a public meeting on February 25, 2021. Lewis & Clark Regional Development Council is distributing their CDBG allocation to Public Facilities and Housing.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Roosevelt Custer Regional Council for Dev.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council for Development held a public meeting on February 25, 2021. Four people from the surrounding communities were in attendance. USDA was also present. Roosevelt Custer Regional Council is distributing their funds to Public Facilities and Housing.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	North Dakota Housing Finance Agency	The Plan coordinates to help address the unmet needs of the homeless population within the state by targeting funds to those priority needs.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.115, 91.300(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

DCS utilizes the eight regional councils to hold public hearings prior to the drafting of this annual action plan. Copies of the minutes and comments from each hearing are available in the appendix of this plan.

HOME and Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program administrators solicited comments from developers, non-profit organizations and other partners to provide input prior to the preparation of the draft HOME Program Distribution Statement and the HTF Annual Allocation Plan. Once the plans are drafted they are published for a comment period. Notification of the draft plan publication is published in the daily newspapers, NDHFA newsletters and social media platforms, emailed to partners, and published on NDHFA's website. Draft plans are made available for public comment, written comments are accepted for a period of time and then a public input meeting/hearing is held. The Final HOME PDS and HTF allocation plans are attached to this plan for a final public comment period.

See Citizen Participation Attachment for details of the comments received during the Annual Action Plan Public Input meetings and comment period.

A substantial amendment for reallocation of HOME uncommitted funds was made available for public comment August 18, 2021- September 17, 2021. No comments were received.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community				

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.320(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The State of North Dakota receives annual funding from four HUD formula grant programs:

- CDBG Program, administered by Department of Commerce, DCS;
- HOME Program, administered by Department of Commerce, DCS;
- ESG Program, administered by Department of Commerce, DCS;
- HTF Program, administered by North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, NDHFA.

The state is also part of a tri-state program that receives Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding. Tri-State Housing

Environment for Living Positively (HELP) administers this program for Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	4,023,769	0	0	4,023,769	8,009,925	The CDBG program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to general units of local government and states.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	3,000,000	565,160	4,051,802	7,616,962	9,000,000	The HOME program is focusing on three major housing needs: single-family rehabilitation, rental production and rehabilitation, and homebuyer down payment assistance. Single family rehabilitation programs will be administered by eligible Community Action Agencies as subrecipients. The Homebuyer Down payment assistance program will be administered by the Grand Forks Community Land Trust and is in a pilot program status. Sixty percent of the funds are reserved for multifamily rehabilitation and construction including CHDO set aside. Any funds not set aside for projects will be used for administration.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	480,969	0	0	480,969	971,273	The ESG Program, formerly named the Emergency Shelter Grant, provides formula funding to address homelessness to eligible jurisdictions.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HTF	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Homebuyer assistance Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership	3,101,884	23,827	0	3,125,711	9,000,000	The Housing Trust Fund (HTF) is an affordable housing production program that complements existing Federal, state and local efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low- and very low-income households, including homeless families. 100 percent of the funds must create units for extremely low-income households.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Federal funds will continue to be leveraged with nonfederal resources to achieve the objectives of this plan. Matching requirements will be achieved through a variety of methods. Grant recipients are encouraged to utilize funds from the private sector, state and local programs, and other sources to assist in meeting HUD matching requirements and to increase the amount of funds available to provide affordable housing, expand economic opportunities, improve infrastructure, and provide community facilities.

Community Development Block Grant

The Federal resources listed have limited funds available so the programs, when administered by the state, are generally designed to require the use of other funds to complete projects. For instance, all CDBG economic development projects require, by design, a 50 percent match of other funds. For CDBG public facilities projects, the Regional Councils generally require some percentage of other funds. Administrative costs that are required to be matched for the CDBG program is included in the DCS budget.

Home Investment Partnerships Program

The HOME program distribution statement provides priority points for multifamily funding applications that provide documentation supporting the use of leveraging sources to reduce the amount of HOME funds per HOME assisted unit. In addition, multifamily development applications may receive points for providing documentation of financial support from local sources. This can include but not limited to private contributions or tax abatements.

Applicants should use private funds, tax credits, Rural Development, Federal Home Loan Bank, CDBG, North Dakota Housing Incentive Fund, Department of Energy, Housing Trust Fund, or other grant/loan programs to help leverage HOME activities. All recipients are expected to locally meet the HOME Program match requirement of 25 percent unless specifically waived by HUD or NDHFA.

Emergency Solutions Grant Program

The state will continue to meet the ESG match requirements in the same manner as it has in past grant years. Each grant year, the State contributes \$120,000 in general funds to match the federal allocation. The remaining matching funds are provided by ESG subrecipients. Matching funds are used to enhance and expand eligible ESG components and sub-activities.

National Housing Trust Fund Program

In accordance with the Interim Rule at 24 CFR Part 93, North Dakota's HTF Qualified Allocation Plan identifies a preference in the selection of projects based on the amount of committed non-federal leveraging that can be demonstrated by the applicant. This includes firm commitments for contributions or incentives from state or local government, private parties and/or philanthropic, religious, or charitable organizations.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Not applicable.

Discussion

HOME Program available resources includes unexpended funds of \$4,051,802 available from program years 2016-2020 and \$565,160 of prior year program income. NDHFA anticipates holding a multifamily rental production application round in September, 2021 with a goal to conditionally commit a majority of those funds to multifamily activities.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives – 91.320(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Increase Access to Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The State will use HOME, CDBG, and Housing Trust Fund to increase affordable housing through the construction of new rental housing, the rehabilitations of rental housing and the rehabilitation of owner housing. This will also include down payment and closing cost assistance for first-time homebuyers.
2	Goal Name	Support Efforts to Combat Homelessness
	Goal Description	The State will combat homelessness through the support of emergency shelters, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing, Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for those at risk of homelessness, homeless prevention activities, and data collection.

3	Goal Name	Support Public Facilities and Services
	Goal Description	The State will fund public facility improvements, including facilities for childcare facilities, recycling centers/services, and demolition of dilapidated structures, as well as any facilities rated as high or low in NA-50. This can also include increasing access to public services for special needs and low to moderate income households. This includes, but is not limited to, childcare, mental health care services, and chemical dependency services
4	Goal Name	Encourage Economic Development
	Goal Description	This goal provides employment opportunities for low- and moderate-income people and promotes businesses in the State.
5	Goal Name	Enhance Local Public Infrastructure and Planning
	Goal Description	This goal will fund public infrastructure, such as, but not limited to, water systems, streets, sidewalks, and other vital public facilities.

AP-25 Allocation Priorities – 91.320(d)

Introduction:

The 2020-2024 State Consolidated Plan identified allocation priorities in the strategic planning section (SP-05) of the Con Plan <https://www.communityservices.nd.gov/uploads/25/NorthDakotaConPlan2024.pdf>. The table below reflects the percentages of funding that are likely to occur based off of the activities identified in the AP-30 Method of Distribution. Additionally, the CDBG Program Distribution Statement, ESG Program Distribution Statement, HOME Program Distribution Statement and the Housing Trust Fund Allocation plans are available in the appendix of this plan, which also outline the methods of distribution and the basis by which activities will be selected.

Funding Allocation Priorities

	Increase Access to Affordable Housing (%)	Support Efforts to Combat Homelessness (%)	Support Public Facilities and Services (%)	Encourage Economic Development (%)	Enhance Local Public Infrastructure and Planning (%)	Total (%)
CDBG	10	0	40	40	10	100
HOME	100	0	0	0	0	100
ESG	0	100	0	0	0	100
HTF	100	0	0	0	0	100

Table 7 – Funding Allocation Priorities

Reason for Allocation Priorities

ESG: Homelessness was identified as a high priority in the 2020-2024 Consolidated plan. While the State places a high need on those households that are currently homeless, it also finds households at imminent risk of homelessness are a high priority in order to further the effort to reduce homelessness throughout North Dakota.

CDBG: According to the 2020-2024 Consolidated plan, both vital public facilities and priority infrastructure were identified as high priority. Providing suitable living environments through supporting vital public facilities is a high priority in the State. Providing suitable living environments through funding infrastructure in the State is a high priority. This also includes planning funds for local jurisdictions.

Affordable rental housing was identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated plan as a high priority, particularly those facing housing cost burdens. In 2020 NDHFA published The Current State of Housing in North Dakota, which is available online at <https://www.ndhfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/CurrentStateofHousing.pdf>. According to the study, “North Dakota’s renters are substantially more cost burdened than homeowners with 39 percent spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing expenses. The largest segment of the population works in the state’s fourth largest industry, Accommodations and Food services, earning minimum wage.” Increased access to affordable homeowner housing is the second housing priority identified. According to the Current State of Housing, “a tight housing market and steadily increasing home values are preventing current and future residents from being able to afford a home.” The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan identified homeowner rehabilitation as a high priority need through the need’s assessment survey. Within the affordable housing priorities, North Dakota will continue to support efforts to combat homelessness by prioritizing permanent supportive housing with HOME multifamily funding and HTF allocation plans.

How will the proposed distribution of funds will address the priority needs and specific objectives described in the Consolidated Plan?

ESG: Funding continues to be used for homeless activities in North Dakota. These include the support of homeless service providers, funding the development of new transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and homeless prevention. Eligible applicants must be able to demonstrate prior experience serving individuals and households at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. Also, applicants must have staff with demonstrated expertise in case management skills.

CDBG: Funding from CDBG supports CDBG priorities as noted in the Consolidated Plan for the State of North Dakota, including affordable housing, special needs population, economic development, infrastructure, and public facilities. The Regional Councils hold their own scoring and ranking to fund projects in their respective area. Their specific scoring and ranking criteria can be found in the CDBG Program Distribution Statement attached. A portion of CDBG funds has been set aside for the Governor's Fund specifically for Community Development

HOME: The HOME proposed distribution of funds creates set-asides for homeowner rehabilitation programs offered by local Community Action Agencies and homeowner down payment assistance piloted by the Grand Forks Community Land Trust. CHDO reserves and open multifamily funds are made available through a competitive application round which allows projects that meet more priorities identified in scoring to rise to the top of funding selections. HOME multifamily scoring includes points for supporting tenants with special needs by providing tenant support

coordination.

HTF: The allocation plan for the HTF, like HOME, uses a competitive application round for funding selection. HTF will support multifamily development and rehabilitation of units dedicated to extremely low-income households. Priority points are provided to those applications that make commitments to supporting tenants with special needs that affect their long-term housing stability and provide tenant support coordination.

AP-30 Methods of Distribution – 91.320(d)&(k)

Introduction:

To distribute the CDBG funds, the state provides an allocation of funds to each of the state's eight Regional Planning Councils to recommend grant awards on a competitive basis. Each Regional Council is responsible for developing a program distribution statement describing how it will award funds. The state's role is to provide overall direction for the CDBG program and to review each project for compliance with the state CDBG Program Distribution Statement and the respective regional program statement. In addition, a set-aside is available for the Governor to fund economic development projects, new housing and emergency projects addressing health and safety concerns in coordination with the Regional Councils. For the HOME program, single family rehabilitation dollars are allocated to the seven Community Action Agencies (CAA). Each CAA may apply for funds on August 1, 2021. Any CAA with unexpended funds from 2016-2018 will need to expend their prior awards before applying for 2021 funds. CAAs that fully expend HOME awards can apply for additional funding until all single-family project funds are obligated. Homeowner down payment assistance project funds are distributed to the Grand Forks Community Land Trust. HOME project funds for rental production and rehabilitation are committed on a competitive basis through the scoring criteria identified in the 2021 HOME Program Distribution plan, which is attached to this annual action plan. HTF program funds are distributed on a competitive basis in accordance with the 2021 Annual Allocation Plan, attached to this annual action plan. Funds from the ESG program will be distributed on a competitive basis to eligible applicants. More detailed information for accessing and awarding funds may be found on the DCS web site.

The criteria for approving projects under the CDBG program for each region are based directly on the state's affordable housing goals and long-term non-housing community development objectives, emphasizing all needs identified as a high priority and primary benefit to households of 0 to 51 percent MFI. ESG program is focused on broadening existing emergency shelter and homelessness prevention activities, emphasizing rapid rehousing, and helping people quickly gain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and or homelessness.

Distribution Methods

Table 8 - Distribution Methods by State Program

1	State Program Name:	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
	Funding Sources:	CDBG

Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.	<p>The purpose of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Distribution Statement is to describe how the state of North Dakota intends to distribute its CDBG Public Facilities, Housing and Economic Development funds.</p> <p>To better address local community development needs, the Governor has directed that the State's allocation be divided among each of the eight Regional Planning Councils that have established procedures to review and rank applications submitted within their respective regions</p>
Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.	<p>Program Goals and Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of permanent jobs for very low and low income persons • Economic diversification • Leveraging of private and local investment • Benefit to the state's economy • Water and sewer activities which currently present a threat to health and safety • Removal of architectural barriers which will permit access for the handicapped • Direct benefit to a locality's very low and low income persons • Leveraging local and other available financial resources to finance the cost of the activity • Meeting the health and safety needs of very low income persons by bringing the rehabilitated housing up to a minimum of the Section 8 Housing Quality Standards • Making more affordable housing available for very low and low income persons <p>Eligible Applicants</p> <p>Eligible applicants under the North Dakota Community Development Block Grant Program are limited to counties and incorporated cities.</p>

<p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p>	<p>Application information will be available on the NDDOC's website at: https://www.communityservices.nd.gov/communitydevelopment/Programs/CommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant/</p>
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<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p>	
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<p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p>	<p>FY2020 Allocation \$3,965,349; less state administration \$118,163; less regional council contracts \$61,144; less 1% technical assistance \$39,653; makes the total allocation for projects \$3,746,389; less the Governor's set aside for community development \$1,665,447; makes the total allocation for regional distribution \$2,080,942; plus projected program income \$1,000,000; then makes the total funds for distribution \$3,080,942.</p> <p>Each region will receive a preset amount of funds. The dollar amount is derived by taking 50 percent of the total estimated funds available for regional distribution and equally distributing that to all eight planning regions. The remaining 50 percent is divided among the regions using the latest percentage of low and moderate income persons per region in comparison to the total LMI persons in the State of North Dakota (All Entitlement and Air Force Base LMI statistics are not included).</p> <p>Please refer to the attached CDBG Program Distribution for further information</p>
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	<p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p>	<p>Governor’s Fund for Community Development</p> <p>The Governor’s Fund for Community Development’s primary focus will be to fund primary sector economic development projects. However, other eligible CDBG projects may also be funded, including those that will alleviate an immediate health and safety condition in the community. Up to \$100,000 of the Governor’s Fund may be used for permanent supportive housing to address long term homelessness. Housing projects funded with the Governor’s Fund will be based on increased housing needs due to economic development activities.</p>
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	What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?	Outcomes will be measured by the various Goal Outcome Indicators, as set forth in AP-20. Goal Outcomes are primarily measured by the number of households assisted, the number of businesses assisted, or the number of planning endeavors completed.
2	State Program Name:	Emergency Solutions Grant Program
	Funding Sources:	ESG

Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.	<p>The State's 2021 ESG allocation will be made available to eligible applicants and will be administered in accordance with the Interim (or Final) Rule regarding Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Emergency Solutions Grant Program and Consolidated Plan Conforming Amendments.</p>
Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.	<p>The Division of Community Services (DCS) will review, score, and fund applications based on the ability to achieve the following state program objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrated the need for funding. (Max. 30 points) 2. Plan for distribution of the funds in an effective, efficient and timely manner. (Max. 15 points) 3. Collaboration efforts with other targeted homeless services and mainstream resources. (Max. 20 points) 4. Active participation in and providing services consistent with the needs identified by the North Dakota Continuum of Care, HMIS and Coordinated Assessment. (Max. 20 points) 5. To fund projects which involve, to the maximum extent practicable, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG, and in providing service for occupants of these facilities. Also included is how the Housing First model is used with the agency. (Max. 15 points) <p>To be eligible for funding, applications must receive a minimum subjective score of 15. All applications with a score of 15 or higher will receive funding based on the average recommended amounts by DCS' application reviewers.</p>

<p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p>	<p>Applicants must be federally recognized non-profits or units of local government. Governmental organizations such as public housing agencies and local housing finance agencies are not eligible applicants under the ESG Program. Applicants must be in compliance with the ESG Interim Rule (Final Rule when published), the State’s ESG written standards, and applicable state and federal policies and procedures, including compliance with federal and state non-discrimination laws. If an applicant is eligible they can submit an application for funds during the specific timeframe. All applications are scored and ranked based of the scoring criteria.</p> <p>For further details please see the attached ESG Program Distribution Statement</p> <p>Eligible applicants for the Emergency Solutions Grants program are Units of Local Government, and private nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit entities located on Indian reservations are also eligible to receive funds.</p>
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<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p>	
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	<p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p>	<p>For FY2021, federal and state funding will be available, up to 60% for street outreach and shelter operation activities, and 40% for homeless prevention, rapid re-housing activities or participation in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).</p> <p>For further details please see the attached ESG Program Distribution Statement</p>
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	<p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p>	<p>The maximum amount of funds that will be made available to any one homeless facility or agency providing assistance to the homeless is \$50,000.</p>
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	What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?	Expected measures of outcome include the number of households assisted with funds and the number of emergency shelter or permanent supportive beds added.
3	State Program Name:	HOME Investment Partnership Program
	Funding Sources:	HOME

<p>Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.</p>	<p>The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has designated the State of North Dakota as a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) and as such it may apply for and distribute HOME funds. The agency responsible for administration of the North Dakota HOME Program is the Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services (DCS). The program is transitioning administration to the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>The 2021 HOME Program Distribution statement identified three HOME projects and eligible activities, in addition to administration funds.</p> <p>Single-Family Homeowner Rehabilitation</p> <p>A total of \$840,000 in project funds and \$60,000 in administrative funds have been set-aside for single-family homeowner rehabilitation. Each Community Action Agency (CAA) receives an estimated set-aside of \$140,000 and must submit an application to receive their respective set-aside. CAAs who expend the total project funds may apply for any remaining unapplied for funds. Single-family homeowner rehabilitation programs must include all eligible rehabilitation activities required to bring an existing owner-occupied home to HOME property standards. After-rehab value of the home may not exceed the annually published HOME and Housing Trust Fund Homeownership Value Limits for the county in which the property is located. The minimum period of affordability for the homeowner rehabilitation projects is 5 years.</p> <p>Rental Production and Rehabilitation</p> <p>A total of \$5,976,962 in project funds has been made available for multifamily rental production and rehabilitation. This includes \$450,000 CHDO reserves. Rental production and rehabilitation activities are selected in a competitive scoring application process as outlined in Section III, Scoring Criteria of the HOME 2021 Program Distribution Statement. Applications are due September 30, 2021.</p> <p>Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance.</p> <p>A total of \$500,000 of project funds have been set aside for homebuyer down payment assistance. The Grand Forks Community Land Trust will receive the set-aside to fund homebuyer activities.</p>
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<p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p>	<p>Single family rehabilitation project funds are provided to Community Action Agencies (CAA) as subrecipients. Any CAA with outstanding compliance issues will not be eligible to apply for 2021 funds until outstanding issues are resolved. In addition, CAAs with outstanding funds from 2016-2018 program years will not be allowed to submit an application until those program years are closed.</p> <p>Homebuyer Down Payment assistance project funds are delivered through the Grand Forks Community Land Trust (CLT) as a subrecipient. Grand Forks CLT information is available at https://www.gfclt.org/ Assistance may only be provided to homebuyers whose income does not exceed 80 percent area median income. The housing may either be single-family, condominium, cooperative unit, or manufactured housing. All homebuyers must receive housing counseling. The property must be occupied as principal residence through the period of affordability as determined by the amount of HOME assistance received.</p> <p>Multifamily production and rehabilitation activities are selected through a competitive application process.</p> <p>Each application meeting the threshold requirements will be reviewed and assigned points according to the following selection criteria. Applications must achieve a minimum score of <u>80</u> points to be considered for funding. Scoring will be on entire project/units (not just HOME units). Applicants may request no more than 70% of the hard construction costs. Income targeting for HOME requires at initial occupancy that not less than 90% of the units assisted with HOME funds be occupied by families at 60% and below area median income. Projects with five (5) or more HOME units, 20% of those units must have low home rents for the period of affordability.</p> <p>Scoring Criteria Includes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Income Targeting 2. Addresses Housing Shortage in Developing Communities of 20,000 or less 3. Leveraging 4. Financial Support from Local Sources 5. Readiness to Proceed 6. Rehab of Existing Vacant Habitable Structures or Infill Opportunities 7. Preservation
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		8. Tenant Support Coordinator 9. Walkability Score 10. Cross-Cutting Requirements More detailed scoring information is available in the attached HOME 2021 program distribution statement.
	If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)	N/A

<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p>	
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	<p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p>	
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<p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p>	<p>Single-Family rehabilitation funds are limited to \$140,000 per community action agency. Additional funds may be requested if there are unobligated project funds and the initial award has been expended.</p> <p>Homeowner down payment assistance program is limited to \$500,000 set aside for the Grand Forks Community Land Trust. The minimum HOME assistance is \$1,000 per unit.</p> <p>Multifamily production and rehabilitation application threshold requirements are identified in the HOME Underwriting criteria https://www.communityservices.nd.gov/uploads/9/HomeUnderwriting.pdf. Threshold items include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrated Site Control 2. Zoning Eligibility 3. Utilities Availably 4. Identity of Interest 5. Local Support 6. Ownership 7. Ability 8. Firm Financial Commitments 9. Capital Needs Assessment (if applicable) 10. Housing Need 11. Financial projections 12. Financing Costs 13. Development Budget 14. Rent Assumptions 15. Project Costs 16. Maximum Fees
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		<p>17. Maximum Subsidy</p> <p>Maximum subsidy levels are determined by HUD, both HOME and HTF use the same maximum per unit subsidy. The most recent published level was effective June 4, 2020 as follows,</p> <p>Unit Type /Unit Cost</p> <p>Efficiency/Studio \$153,315</p> <p>1 Bedroom \$175,752</p> <p>2 Bedroom \$213,718</p> <p>3 Bedroom \$276,482</p> <p>4 Bedroom \$303,490</p>
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	What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?	HOME outcome measures include the number of rental units constructed or renovated, the number of households assisted with direct financial assistance and the number of homebuyers assisted.
4	State Program Name:	National Housing Trust Fund
	Funding Sources:	HTF

<p>Describe the state program addressed by the Method of Distribution.</p>	<p>HTF funding will be awarded for the development and preservation of affordable multifamily rental housing to serve extremely low-income households, particularly those which are at risk of chronic homelessness. Eligible recipients for funding include units of local, state, and tribal government, local and tribal housing authorities, community action agencies, regional planning councils, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit developers.</p> <p>The HTF will be administered in accordance with North Dakota’s HTF Annual Allocation Plan (AAP), attached in full to this Annual Action Plan as Appendix C. Per federal statute and regulation, the AAP prioritizes funding based on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geographic diversity. 2. Applicant’s ability to obligate funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner. 3. The extent to which the project has rents that are affordable, especially to ELI households, and has federal, state, or local project-based rental assistance so that rents are affordable to extremely low income families. 4. The length of the units’ affordability period. 5. Merits of the application in meeting the state’s priority housing needs. 6. The extent to which the applicant makes use of non-federal funding sources.
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<p>Describe all of the criteria that will be used to select applications and the relative importance of these criteria.</p>	<p>North Dakota employs a set-aside of 10% of the state’s HTF allocation to the highest-scoring eligible Native American application. Remaining HTF funding is then awarded to the highest-scoring eligible applications. There is no maximum amount of HTF funding that any one project can receive, although the AAP does limit the amount of subsidy which each HTF-assisted unit can receive. The deadlines for applications will be due to the NDHFA by September 30, 2021. In order to be considered for funding applications must meet a minimum score of 85 points. Scoring criteria includes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serving extremely low-income households- 20-50 points. 2. Use of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits- 10-20 points. 3. Committed Non-Federal Leverage-5-20 points. 4. Use of Project-Based Rental Assistance- 5 points. 5. Redevelopment and Revitalization-5 points. 6. Tenant Support Coordinator-5-10 points. 7. Universal Design Elements-3-12 points. 8. Readiness to Proceed-3-10 points. 9. Housing for Families-10 points. 10. Period of Affordability-1 points. 11. Geographic Diversity- 5 points. 12. Missing threshold Items- point deduction of 5 points for each missing item.
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<p>If only summary criteria were described, how can potential applicants access application manuals or other state publications describing the application criteria? (CDBG only)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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<p>Describe the process for awarding funds to state recipients and how the state will make its allocation available to units of general local government, and non-profit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations. (ESG only)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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<p>Identify the method of selecting project sponsors (including providing full access to grassroots faith-based and other community-based organizations). (HOPWA only)</p>	
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	<p>Describe how resources will be allocated among funding categories.</p>	<p>Resources are allocated to the highest scoring applications until all available funding has been conditionally committed.</p>
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	<p>Describe threshold factors and grant size limits.</p>	<p>Threshold items applications must submit include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence of development team ability. 2. Market conditions. 3. Demonstrated site control. 4. Evidence of appropriate zoning. 5. Availability of infrastructure and utilities. 6. Financial Projections. 7. Capital needs assessment, if applicable. 8. Appraisal. 9. Evidence of all financial subsidies awarded. 10. Tenant recruitment and selection policy. 11. Broadband infrastructure. 12. Self-scoring projection of the activity. <p>Applicants are limited by the maximum per unit subsidy that is annually calculated by HUD. HTF Annual Allocation Plan uses HOME maximum per unit subsidy limitations.</p>
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	<p>What are the outcome measures expected as a result of the method of distribution?</p>	<p>HTF outcome measures include the number of rental housing units constructed or rehabilitated.</p>
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Discussion:

AP-35 Projects – (Optional)

Introduction:

The State of North Dakota recognizes that funding and resources are limited to help the underserved. ND strives to meet gaps in the areas of housing, community development, and economic development. The funding is targeted for low-to-moderate income individuals and special needs populations.

#	Project Name
1	ESG21
2	2021 CDBG Admin and TA Funds
3	CDBG Support Public Facility & Services
4	CDBG Housing Projects
5	CDBG Economic Development Projects
6	Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance
7	2021 Multifamily Production and Rehabilitation HOME/NHTF
8	Homeowner Rehabilitation-HOME
9	2021 HTF Administration
10	2021 HOME Administration
11	CDBG Enhance Local Public Infrastructure and Planning

Table 9 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The allocation priorities were identified using the Con Plan needs assessment and market analysis, which identified seven priority needs. Access to affordable rental housing, affordable homeowner housing, homelessness, special needs populations, vital public facilities, economic development and priority infrastructure. Obstacles to addressing underserved needs include, but not limited to, a lack of development capacity in rural communities and insufficient amount of funding to meet entire state needs.

September 2021- Multifamily Production and Rehabilitation goal estimates were increased under the HOME/NHTF Multifamily production project due to reallocation of 2016-2019 unexpended HOME funds to multifamily production.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	ESG21
	Target Area	Statewide
	Goals Supported	Support Efforts to Combat Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	:
	Description	North Dakota 2021 ESG Allocation* temporary emergency shelter* street outreach* emergency shelter* rapid re-housing assistance and homeless prevention* homeless management information system* training* hotel/motel costs* administrative activities
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Shelter operations Shelter essential services Street outreach Rapid Rehousing Homeless Prevention HMIS

2	Project Name	2021 CDBG Admin and TA Funds
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	2021 CDBG Admin and TA Funds
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administrative funds will be used to fund administrative activities at the state level and fund Regional Council administrative activities in support of scoring and ranking CDBG applications for submission to the state.
3	Project Name	CDBG Support Public Facility & Services
	Target Area	Statewide
	Goals Supported	Support Public Facilities and Services
	Needs Addressed	Vital Public Facilities Special Needs Populations
	Funding	:
	Description	Funds will be used for childcare, mental health, chemical dependency, recycling, demolition of dilapidated structures, etc.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Public Facilities funds in ND will fund water & sewer projects, removal of architectural barriers for persons with disabilities, streets and public service activities.
4	Project Name	CDBG Housing Projects
	Target Area	Statewide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Rental Housing Affordable Homeowner Housing
	Funding	:
	Description	Funds will be used to fund multi-family housing rehab and purchase of land in support of new multi-family housing
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Housing funds in ND will be used to rehabilitate owner occupied, multi-family housing that meet the LMI criteria. Housing funds will also be used in support of LMI multi-family housing through the purchase of land in which the housing will be developed.
	Project Name	CDBG Economic Development Projects

5	Target Area	Statewide LMI Areas
	Goals Supported	Encourage Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	:
	Description	These funds will be used to fund business start ups and expansions to create additional jobs
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The Economic Development projects in ND primarily will fund business who create jobs with at least 51 of those jobs being filled by individuals who are LMI. ED funds will also be used for facade improvements that will encourage business development or expansion, therefore, creation of or retention of jobs in communities.
6	Project Name	Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance
	Target Area	Statewide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Homeowner Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$500,000
	Description	Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program set-aside for the Grand Forks Community Land Trust
	Target Date	7/1/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 households served.
	Location Description	Activities are undertaken in the service area of the Grand Forks Community Land Trust, primarily located in Grand Forks, ND.
	Planned Activities	Provide homebuyer down payment assistance to income qualified homebuyers.
7	Project Name	2021 Multifamily Production and Rehabilitation HOME/NHTF
	Target Area	Statewide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$5,976,962 HTF: \$2,723,827
	Description	HOME Program Funds and National Housing Trust Fund program funds to provide new construction or rehabilitation funds for multifamily rental projects.
	Target Date	7/1/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The State estimates a total of 90 multifamily rental units rehabilitated and a total of 40 rental housing units constructed using HOME and National Housing Trust Fund.
	Location Description	Statewide
	Planned Activities	Activities will be selected during the competitive application round scheduled for September 2021.
8	Project Name	Homeowner Rehabilitation-HOME
	Target Area	Statewide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Affordable Housing

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Homeowner Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$840,000
	Description	Homeowner rehabilitation program executed through the Community Action Agency Set-Aside
	Target Date	7/1/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Annual estimated 25 household housing units assisted
	Location Description	Statewide
	Planned Activities	
9	Project Name	2021 HTF Administration
	Target Area	Statewide
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HTF: \$310,188
	Description	National Housing Trust Fund administrative activities.
	Target Date	7/1/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administration activities only.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administrative Activities
	Project Name	2021 HOME Administration

10	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HOME: \$300,000
	Description	HOME Administration
	Target Date	7/1/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administrative Activities
11	Project Name	CDBG Enhance Local Public Infrastructure and Planning
	Target Area	Statewide LMI Areas
	Goals Supported	Enhance Local Public Infrastructure and Planning
	Needs Addressed	Priority Infrastructure
	Funding	:
	Description	Public facilities infrastructure of water systems, streets, sidewalks, and other vital public facilities
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	
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AP-40 Section 108 Loan Guarantee – 91.320(k)(1)(ii)

Will the state help non-entitlement units of general local government to apply for Section 108 loan funds?

No

Available Grant Amounts

Not applicable.

Acceptance process of applications

Not applicable.

AP-45 Community Revitalization Strategies – 91.320(k)(1)(ii)

Will the state allow units of general local government to carry out community revitalization strategies?

State's Process and Criteria for approving local government revitalization strategies

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.320(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the state (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The HOME, ESG, and NHTF program funds will be available to eligible applicants statewide. The CDBG program is available to eligible applicants in every city and county, except the three entitlement cities of Grand Forks, Fargo, and Bismarck.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Statewide	100

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The HOME, ESG, and NHTF program funds will be available to eligible applicants statewide. The CDBG program is available to eligible applicants in every city and county, except the three entitlement cities of Grand Forks, Fargo, and Bismarck. 50 percent of CDBG funds are distributed evenly by population and 50 percent is distributed to areas of higher rates of low to moderate income households.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 24 CFR 91.320(g)

Introduction:

The one year goals identified below are based on past years' activities and goals that were identified during the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	450
Non-Homeless	700
Special-Needs	0
Total	1,150

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	1,000
The Production of New Units	40
Rehab of Existing Units	155
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	1,195

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion:

DCS and NDHFA recognize that CDBG, HOME, HTF, and ESG alone may not meet the goals identified above. Many housing activities completed may need to engage in resources beyond these federal program. As an example, NDHFA administers the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program and requires developers looking to use the LIHTC to document a particular housing need and demonstrate that the need is consistent with the Consolidated Plan. Each project is rated against specific criteria, eighteen of which are intended to assure a project is targeted to benefit low-income families. HOME and HTF funds are often used in partnership with LIHTC funds. One year goals were increased due to the 2021 Amendment reallocating unexpended 2016-2019 HOME funds to multifamily rental production and rehabilitation.

AP-60 Public Housing - 24 CFR 91.320(j)

Introduction:

North Dakota DCS and NDHFA have a good working relationship with local public housing authorities (PHAs). DCS, NDHFA and PHAs participate in Housing Services collaboratives to create an open dialog with housing providers and service providers. The goal of the collaborative is to ensure affordable housing is available and services are accessible for North Dakota households. DCS and NDHFA anticipate the PHAs to continue to access funding sources such as HOME and Housing Trust Fund for activities such as renovation and/or demo/disposition of housing developments in their portfolio.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

PHAs are encouraged and eligible to apply for funding under the HOME and HTF programs. PHAs have actively used North Dakota's HOME funds under both CHDO and non-and-for-profit competitive application round as well as under HTF's competitive funding round.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

NDHFA, CommunityWorks North Dakota, and the Village Family Service center have partnered to provide individuals and families with access to eHome America's online Homebuyer Education program.

Other specific actions are dependent on local PHA's programs.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Fargo Housing and Redevelopment Authority (FHRA) have been designated as troubled. FHRA is working directly with HUD CPD and the ND HUD State Director to reach a resolution. To date the State has not been requested to be involved in the resolution discussions.

Discussion:

No additional discussion.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.320(h)

Introduction

There is one CoC in the State of North Dakota, the North Dakota Statewide CoC. The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency is the lead entity of the North Dakota CoC. Eight regional coalitions carry out the work of the statewide CoC at the local level. At least one representative from each regional coalition, one homeless or formerly homeless representative, and two members at large serves on the CoC Steering Committee.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The State of North Dakota's method of distribution provides funding to engage homeless individuals and families living on the street (Street Outreach).

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

ESG funds will be used to improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families (Shelter Renovation); help operate these shelters through eligible activities such as maintenance, rent, repair, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food, furnishings, and supplies (Shelter Operations); provide essential services to shelter residents (Essential Services).

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Funding will be available for rapid re-housing and homeless prevention activities to both shorten and prevent incidents of homelessness throughout the State. The North Dakota Homeless Grant (NDHG) has prevention and rapid rehousing components that provide temporary financial assistance and case management. CAPND utilizes the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. The goal of SSVF is promoting housing stability among very low-income veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing. Like ESG, SSVF supports a Housing First approach by helping the

veteran family meets its primary need of housing, while addressing barriers to housing stability.

CARES is a collaborative initiative between the North Dakota and West Central Minnesota Continuums of Care (CoC) designed to create a more effective and efficient homeless response system. CARES is a system shift from agency centric to client centric AND from managing homelessness to preventing and ending homelessness. CARES has three main purposes:

1. To reduce new entries into homelessness *(by consistently offering prevention and diversion resources upfront, reducing the number of people entering the system unnecessarily)*
2. To help people move through the homeless response system and stabilize their housing faster and more successfully *(by reducing the amount of time people spend moving from program to program before finding the right match); and*
3. To gain quality data to drive system planning, improved service linkage, funding decisions, and for performance measurement.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Through the use of funds for rapid re-housing and homeless prevention as the State strives to help individuals and families avoid homelessness. At this time DCS does not have a discharge plan. In discussion with the CoC they do not have a discharge plan either. It was further discussed between the DCS Program Manager and CoC lead that a discharge plan will be created through a joint effort along with a few other key entities.

Discussion

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.320(i)

Introduction:

The 2020-2024 North Dakota Consolidated plan conducted a Housing and Community Development survey which found the biggest barriers to the development of affordable housing include cost of labor, cost of materials, cost of land, and lack of access to affordable housing financial resources. As the affordable housing resources administered by the State continue to be aligned, we hope to see a reduction in the access barrier.

NDHFA, as it transitions HOME program from DCS, will look to coordinate HOME funding and processes to align with the LIHTC, state Housing Incentive Fund, and HTF allocation plans, where possible.

The assessed other barriers are primarily local market issues that are difficult to overcome. NDHFA and DCS will continue to work to align financing programs and prioritize projects that are able to leverage local private and government resources. DCS will continue to promote its adoption and enforcement of the State Building Code and continue to provide training support to local building officials through the North Dakota Building Officials Association.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

DCS is responsible for updating and amending the North Dakota State Building Code, but enforcement of code is the responsibility of jurisdictions that elect to adopt and enforce building codes. The North Dakota legislative assembly has mandated that the state building code consist of the International Building Code (IBC), International Residential Code (IRC), International Mechanical Code (IMC), and International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC). These are nationally recognized codes published by the International Code Council and updated nationally every three years. On September 5th, 2019 eligible cities and counties, along with eligible members of the Building Code Advisory Committee, adopted the 2018 updates to the International Building Code (IBC), International Residential Code (IRC), International Mechanical Code (IMC), and International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) and the proposed amendments. The 2018 versions of the International Energy Conservation Code and the International Existing Building Code and proposed amendments to these codes were also adopted. The new North Dakota State

Building Code went into effect January 1st, 2020.

Discussion:

The assessed barriers of public policy are primarily local issues. DCS encourages local communities to adopt the North Dakota State Building Code in efforts to have similar codes statewide. NDHFA also administers a program to certify qualified non-profit organizations operating affordable housing as tax exempt. Annually these exemptions provide needed property tax relief for affordable multifamily projects statewide.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.320(j)

Introduction:

Addressing the needs of the underserved requires coordination at the State and local level to bring many agencies together in order to coordinate the efforts of both housing, homeless providers, and service providers.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Streamlining access to resources for low income households, developer partners, and service providers is key to overcoming these obstacles. NDHFA and DCS's involvement with statewide councils, coalitions, and collaborations create relationships and conversations to identify gaps in resources and opportunities to increase access and streamline efforts. NDHFA is working with ND Department of Human Services (DHS) on several plans to address needs of individuals who are being served by DHS services. In 2020, DHS completed a 1915i state plan amendment which included efforts to allow pre and post tenancy supports to be paid by Medicaid for target populations. Allocation plans will continue to support service provisions in multifamily unit development.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Continue to fund existing rental and owner-occupied housing stock with an emphasis in rehabilitation of low-income households and older individuals. Continue to focus on assistance in buying or renting affordable housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

During this program year we will continue working with the North Dakota State Health Department and the University of North Dakota to provide training for lead-based paint risk assessors. In addition, we expect to see more coordination with the CAAs to increase the amount of lead-based paint testing activities.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The primary activities will be to create jobs with CDBG funds, encourage referrals of low-income persons and families to the Self-Reliance program (although no data can be obtained showing referrals because of confidentiality), and, as reflected in our affordable housing goals, to target HOME and CDBG funds to low-income households.

Much of the work to reduce the number of poverty-level families is done through partnerships with the Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and DHS. CAAs are located in 7 regions and provide services statewide. CAAs work to combine local, state, private, and federal resources to deliver programs and

opportunities for poverty-level families to obtain and maintain self-sufficiency.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program. This program provides funds to the CAAs to ameliorate the causes and conditions of poverty. CAAs also currently play a key role in providing housing opportunities, most of which are included in the state's affordable housing goals, through the implementation of the state's HOME program. Their low-income clientele, most of who live in poverty, are the primary beneficiaries of HOME funds for single-family rehab programs and tenant based rental assistance programs. Additionally, families are also provided assistance in weatherizing their homes through the Weatherization program, which is a program within DCS, and is often used in conjunction with HOME and CDBG funds that are used for housing rehabilitation. Households experiencing homelessness may also benefit utilize the CAAs to enroll in the state's Self-Sufficiency Program. Utilizing the CAAs for program administration allows for a local service delivery system.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Community development institutional structure consists of building capacity and maintaining partnerships with local community governments and regional councils.

Housing and homeless institutional structures are carried out together through partnerships with non-profit developers, affordable housing owners and property managers, service providers, local non-profit service agencies, NDHFA, DCS, and CAAs. NDHFA and NDDOC will continue to participate in the statewide gatherings and coalitions in order to support and identify actions needed.

NDHFA will continue to fund the Housing Market Survey Grant program to help rural communities fund an analysis of the community's current and future housing needs. Comprehensive plans are key to effective and efficient community development.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The State will continue to actively participate in the housing services collaborative, the Interagency Council on Homelessness, the North Dakota Coalition of Homeless Persons, the North Dakota Apartment Association, the ND NAHRO (Housing Authority Association) and the Olmstead Commission. Maintaining active participation maintains open communication between housing and service providers and identifies areas needed to enhance coordination.

NDHFA is currently working with the ND Department of Aging Services to develop a Housing 101 training PowerPoint for Aging Services to incorporate into staff training. The goal is to introduce those providing home and community-based services to housing and how they can help those they are providing services to maintain their housing. The hope is to roll this training out to other service providers once

finalized.

NDHFA will continue to administer the Opening Doors Landlord Risk Mitigation program which promotes communication between service providers, tenants, and housing providers by providing coverage for tenants who may cause excessive damages or lost rent due to eviction.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.320(k)(1,2,3)

Introduction:

Specific program specific requirements are generally available in the applicable program distribution statement and annual allocation plans. The 2021 plans for each program are available as attachments to this plan. Below is a summary of certain provisions.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.320(k)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	70.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.320(k)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is

as follows:

HOME will not be used for other forms of assistance beyond those identified in Section 92.205. Applicants should use private funds, tax credits, Rural Development, Federal Home Loan Bank, Community

Development Block Grant, North Dakota Housing Incentive Fund, Department of Energy, Housing Trust Fund, or other grant/loan programs to help leverage HOME activities.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

A summary of recapture guidelines is included below. Please refer to the attached 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement (PDS) for additional information.

Recapture provisions will be used for homebuyers who received down payment assistance but do not purchase a property owned by GF CLT and subject to a GF CLT ground lease. Resale provisions will be used for transactions in which homebuyers purchase a property owned by the GF CLT and the property is subject to a GF CLT ground lease.

Recapture Requirements for Homebuyer Assistance

In order to ensure the period of affordability (POA) the recapture provisions will be included in the written agreement with the DCS, the homebuyer agreement and a recapture mortgage. Direct Home Subsidy is defined as the amount of HOME Assistance, including any program income, that enabled the homebuyer to purchase the unit. This includes down payment, closing costs, interest subsidies, or other HOME assistance provided directly to the homebuyer. Net Proceeds is defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment and any closing costs. Under no circumstances can DCS recapture more than is available from proceeds of sales. Subsequent Sale of Home to an Income Eligible Homebuyer

a. The subsequent low-income homebuyer is required to assume the remainder of the POA in effect and the principal residence requirement, as initially determined by the GF CLT based on the amount of HOME investment in the unit.

b. The GF CLT is permitted to assist the subsequent low-income homebuyer in purchasing the housing. The additional HOME homebuyer assistance must be treated as an amendment to the original project and will be combined with their assumption of the existing note to determine the new POA and execute a new (replacement) note for the total assistance.

Subsequent Sale of Home to a non-income qualified Homebuyer

Should the homeowner sell the home to a subsequent homebuyer that is not low-income and not approved by the GF CLT, the GF CLT must enforce recapture provisions, requiring repayment, subject to net proceeds of the sale, as calculated in the recapture formula below.

Recapture Formula

The GF CLT will follow the recapture option that requires the entire amount of direct HOME subsidy provided to the homebuyer before the homebuyer receives a return. This amount cannot exceed what is available from net proceeds.

See PDS for additional information.

Resale Provisions

The GF CLT intends to provide HOME assistance to eligible homebuyers using the following resale provisions:

1. The GF CLT will follow the resale option for the duration of the period of affordability.
 - a) The housing will be made available for subsequent purchase only to a buyer whose family qualifies as a low-income family and will use the property as the family's principal residence.
 - b) The resale requirement will ensure that the price at resale provides the original HOME-assisted owner a fair return on investment (including the homeowner's investment and any capital improvement) and
 - c) Ensure that the housing will remain affordable to low-income homebuyers whose income does not exceed eighty percent (80%) of the area median income for that area.
 - d) Affordable is defined as a household paying between 20-30 percent of gross monthly income towards monthly mortgage payments including principal, interest, taxes, property insurance, mortgage insurance (if applicable), and the ground lease payment.
2. **Fair Return** will be determined using the initial appraised value of the home and calculating a

Purchase Option Price and a Formula Price.

3. Fair return may take into account certain capital improvements.

See PDS for additional information.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The period of affordability for units acquired using HOME funds is shown below. Additional information is included in HOME Program distribution statement at the following link: <https://www.communityservices.nd.gov/communitydevelopment/Programs/HOMEProgram/>

Period of Affordability

The recapture provisions are in effect for a period of affordability. This period is based on the amount of direct HOME subsidy to the buyer, as follows:

HOME Assistance to the Buyer Minimum Period of Affordability

Less than \$15,000 5 yrs.

\$15,000 - \$40,000 10 yrs.

More than \$40,000 15 yrs.

Compliance

Property must be occupied as a principal residence by the homebuyer and subsequent low-income buyers throughout the POA. No subleasing is allowed. The GF CLT must monitor and verify primary residency of the homebuyer on an annual basis for the affordability period. The most current utility statement, proof of paid taxes, and homeowner's insurance are acceptable documentation.

During grant monitoring of the GF CLT, the DCS will review deed restrictions, covenants attached to the land, mortgages, or other similar mechanisms placed on the HOME-assisted property to ensure the provisions being used are in accordance with those stated in the written agreement with the GF CLT.

Noncompliance

Under recapture provisions, the homeowner is noncompliant, if during the POA, any of the following events occur:

1. The homebuyer does not occupy the home as their primary residence without a sale,

2. Vacates the home; or
3. Sublets and rents the home to another household.

The GF CLT must then enforce full repayment of the original amount of the direct home subsidy.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

HOME funds will not be used to refinance debt along with rehabilitation in this program year.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.320(k)(3)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

The written standards for provision of ESG assistance in North Dakota is included as an attachment to this Plan (ESG Program Distribution Statement). Refer to this for additional information. A summary is included below.

Per 24 CFR 576.401 ESG sub-recipients must conduct an initial evaluation to determine each individual or family's eligibility for ESG assistance and the amount and types of assistance the individual or family needs to regain stability in permanent housing. These evaluations must be conducted in accordance with the centralized or coordinated assessment requirements set forth under §576.400(d).

ESG sub-recipients must re-evaluate the program participant's eligibility and the types and amounts of assistance the participant needs; not less than once every 3 months for participants who are receiving homelessness prevention assistance, and not less than once annually for participants who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance.

At the sub-recipients discretion, re-evaluations may be conducted more frequently than required by 24 CFR 576.401 and may also be incorporated into the case management process which must occur not less than monthly for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing participants See 24 CFR

576.401(e) (i).

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

CARES is a collaborative initiative between the North Dakota and West Central Minnesota Continuums of Care (CoC) designed to create a more effective and efficient homeless response system. CARES is a system shift from agency centric to client centric AND from managing homelessness to preventing and ending homelessness. CARES has three main purposes:

1. To reduce new entries into homelessness (*by consistently offering prevention and diversion resources upfront, reducing the number of people entering the system unnecessarily*)
2. To help people move through the homeless response system and stabilize their housing faster and more successfully (*by reducing the amount of time people spend moving from program to program before finding the right match*); and
3. To gain quality data to drive system planning, improved service linkage, funding decisions, and for performance measurement.

CARES PHASES CARES involves a consistent and coordinated process to access, prioritize and link households in a housing crisis to appropriate housing and services.

1. Diversion: Designed to divert households from entering the homeless response system towards mainstream or prevention services. To prioritize who gets limited shelter beds.

Tool: Housing Crisis Screen

When is this done? At first point of contact. Prior to entering the homeless system.

Who: Access points and Housing Crisis Line by July 2015.

2. Prevention: Used to screen for eligibility for prevention services.

Tool: Prevention Screen

When is this done? After diversion screen as identified on screening tool.

Who: Community Action Programs in MN, TBD in ND.

3. Housing Assessment: Used to assess for vulnerability and linkage to appropriate supportive housing intervention (currently only TH, RRH, PH, LTH, or PSH beds/units dedicated as homeless).

Tool: VI-SPDAT & F-VI-SPDAT

When is this done? 7-14 days recommended, but can be done sooner if appropriate

Who: Designated assessors/assessment sites.

4. Prioritization: Used to prioritize the limited number of supportive housing beds based on vulnerability and eligibility.

Tool: Prioritization list

When is this done? After completing Housing Assessment.

Who: Designated assessor/assessment sites place people on list. Housing agencies choose households.

5. Barriers Assessment: Recommended as a best practice for housing case management (as the basis for a housing stability plan), measuring outcomes, or to further prioritize vulnerability if VI-

SPDAT is not sufficient (in cases of a tie or if provider feels person did not score accurately).

Tool: SPDAT & F-SPDAT

When is this done: Prior to entering supportive housing OR during prioritization.

Who: Trained Assessor.

See additional information following question #5 below.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

Applicants are eligible to apply for funds on a competitive basis. Faith-based or religious organizations are eligible, on the same basis and any other organization, to receive ESG funds. Additional information is provided as an attachment. The description of eligible applicants is provided below.

Applicants must be federally recognized non-profits or units of local government. Governmental organizations such as public housing agencies and local housing finance agencies are not eligible applicants under the ESG Program. Applicants must be in compliance with the ESG Interim Rule (Final Rule when published), the State's ESG written standards, and applicable state and federal policies and procedures, including compliance with federal and state non-discrimination laws.

By virtue of submitting an application, applicants agree to: adopt and consistently apply the State's written standards for the administration of the ESG program; and maintain standard accounting practices including internal controls and fiscal accounting procedures; track agency and program budgets by revenue sources and expenses; and have an available cash flow to effectively operate their programs since ESG funding is provided on a reimbursement basis.

Applicants with outstanding monitoring or audit findings issued by the Internal Revenue Service, HUD, or DCS are not eligible ESG applicants and will not be eligible to receive an allocation of ESG funding. Applicants are encouraged to contact DCS to ensure no unresolved monitoring findings exist or to work to resolve any outstanding items.

Eligible applicants must be able to demonstrate prior experience serving individuals and households at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. Also, applicants must have staff with demonstrated expertise in case management skills.

Applicants will be required to utilize the HMIS and the State-wide Continuum of Care's centralized or coordinated assessment system. Domestic violence service providers must establish and operate a comparable database that collects client level data over time and can generate

unduplicated aggregate reports based on the data.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to be active members of the North Dakota Continuum of Care and their local homeless coalition.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The following represents the requirements for homeless participation for ESG recipients.

Homeless participation

- a. Unless the recipient is a State, the recipient must provide for the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policy-making entity of the recipient, to the extent that the entity considers and makes policies and decisions regarding any facilities, services, or other assistance that receive funding under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).
 - b. If the recipient is unable to meet requirement under paragraph (a), it must instead develop and implement a plan to consult with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering and making policies and decisions regarding any facilities, services, or other assistance that receive funding under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The plan must be included in the annual action plan required under 24 CFR 91.220.
 - c. To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient or subrecipient must involve homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under ESG, in providing services assisted under ESG, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under ESG. This involvement may include employment or volunteer services.
5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The ESG/NDHG Monitoring Report and Guidelines form is included as an attachment to this Plan.

Continuation of ESG Question #2

Continuation of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Question #2.

Governance Structure: CARES is governed by a joint board of elected members from the ND CoC, West Central CoC, and the FM Coalition for the Homeless. The board also includes non-voting

advisory Seats for the State of MN, State of ND, IT, FM Coalition, and CoC Coordinators. Four committees are designated to help develop, implement and evaluate CARES. They include: Protocols, Implementation, Performance Assessment, and Data Collection. Additional information is included in the attachments.

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
Reference 24 CFR 91.320(k)(5)

1. How will the grantee distribute its HTF funds? Select all that apply:

☒ Applications submitted by eligible recipients

2. If distributing HTF funds through grants to subgrantees, describe the method for distributing HTF funds through grants to subgrantees and how those funds will be made available to state agencies and/or units of general local government. If not distributing funds through grants to subgrantees, enter "N/A".

N/A

3. If distributing HTF funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients,

a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2). If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

The organization or agency that applies to NDHFA for funds to carry out the HTF project must be an eligible recipient. Eligible recipients include units of local, state, and tribal government; local and tribal housing authorities; community action agencies; regional planning councils; nonprofit organizations, and for-profit developers. Individuals are not eligible to receive direct assistance from the HTF.

Eligible recipients must demonstrate their familiarity with the requirements of other Federal, State, or local housing programs that may be used in conjunction with HTF funds to ensure compliance with all applicable requirements and regulations of such programs.

b. Describe the grantee's application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

Applicants must apply using NDHFA forms to receive a conditional commitment of financial assistance from the HTF program. The complete application must be received by 5:00 p.m., Central Time, on the closing date to be eligible for consideration in the funding round. The application rounds will be as follows until all HTF funds have been obligated:

Maximum Amount of HTF Assistance Available Per Application Closing Date

Round 1: September 30, 2021 Up to \$3,000,000

Round 2: December 31, 2021 Balance of available HTF assistance, if any

Round 3: March 31, 2022 Balance of available HTF assistance, if any

Threshold Requirements

When an application is received, it shall first be reviewed for eligibility to be scored and ranked. In order to be eligible for scoring and ranking, the application must be complete and include the following information, unless waived by NDHFA for good cause. Application packages missing any of the threshold items after the application deadline will be deemed incomplete and will be given reasonable time to submit the missing information. However, a 5-point deduction will be assessed during the scoring process for each missing item. See Section V. Application Process of the attached NHTF Allocation Plan for a complete description of each threshold item.

c. Describe the selection criteria that the grantee will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

Each application meeting the threshold requirements will be reviewed and assigned points according to the following selection criteria. Representations made by applicants for which points are given will be binding and will be monitored through the annual compliance review process. Applications must achieve a minimum score of 85 points to be considered for funding. Based on ranking, projects will be selected for a conditional commitment. Once a property is selected, NDHFA will determine the amount of housing trust fund dollars to be awarded, which may not equal the amount requested in the

application.

In the event of a tie between two or more projects when insufficient program funds remain to fund each one, the tie breaker will go to the project which best meets the Housing Strategies outlined in the current North Dakota Consolidated Plan in effect at the time of HTF application.

d. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on geographic diversity (as defined by the grantee in the consolidated plan). If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

North Dakota distributes the NHTF funding statewide but limits the number of projects selected in one single community. This is accomplished Scoring Criteria L. Geographic Diversity. Projects located in the same city as a project which has already been selected in the current NHTF application round shall receive a scoring deduction of five points.

e. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

Applicants must provide a timeline for completion of the project. Points awarded in this category are based on earliest achievable completion of the activity. Such things as letters of interest or commitment for all sources of project financing; ownership of the land; and availability of infrastructure will be considered in the award of points. Points will be awarded at the sole discretion of NDHFA in comparison to other projects competing in the application round.

f. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the extent to which the rental project has Federal, State, or local project-based rental assistance so that rents are affordable to extremely low-income families. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

Projects which have received binding commitments for federal, state, or local project-based rental assistance for all of the extremely low-income units in the project will receive 5 points.

g. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

All projects are required to submit a financial pro-forma. Applications that commit to a period of affordability for a period of 31 years or longer will receive one point.

h. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in meeting the priority housing needs of the grantee (such as housing that is accessible to transit or employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations). If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

Projects which are committed to supporting tenants with special needs affecting their long-term housing stability and which create an environment that encourages and provides service coordination may receive up to 10 points

Tenant Support Coordinator and Medicaid-Approved Service Provider

Projects which provide the TSC provisions and which also enter into a formal letter of intent with one or more qualified service agencies with demonstrated experience providing housing stability services consistent with the needs of the project's residents will receive 10 points. The service provider(s) must also be able to process for Medicaid reimbursement, and provide their Medicaid biller number issued by the State of North Dakota. The letter of intent must be detailed regarding the suite of supports and services to be made available to tenants who need and want them.

Properties which meet the minimum universal design features below are eligible for points in this scoring category based on a percentage of units. A maximum of 25 percent of the project units may incorporate the universal design features.

Complete details of each scoring criteria are outlined in the Scoring Criteria section of the attached 2021 Housing Trust Fund Annual Allocation Plan.

i. Describe the grantee's required priority for funding based on the extent to which the application makes use of non-federal funding sources. If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, enter "N/A".

An applicant who provides signed, firm commitments for contributions or incentives from state or local government, private parties and/or philanthropic, religious or charitable organizations, excluding entities with an identity of interest or those with a significant role in the property (e.g. contractors, accountants, architects, engineers, consultants, etc.), will receive points in this category. Not eligible as sources of leverage under this category are interest bearing loans to the project, LIHTCs, HRTCs, HOME, CDBG, NAHASDA, or any other federal source of funding. Also not eligible as leverage under this category is project-based rental assistance which earns points in scoring category D.

4. Does the grantee's application require the applicant to include a description of the eligible activities to be conducted with HTF funds? If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, select "N/A".

Yes

5. Does the grantee's application require that each eligible recipient certify that housing units assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements? If not distributing funds by selecting applications submitted by eligible recipients, select "N/A".

Yes

6. Performance Goals and Benchmarks. The grantee has met the requirement to provide for performance goals and benchmarks against which the grantee will measure its progress, consistent with the grantee's goals established under 24 CFR 91.315(b)(2), by including HTF in its housing goals in the housing table on the SP-45 Goals and AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives screens.

Yes

7. Maximum Per-unit Development Subsidy Amount for Housing Assisted with HTF Funds. Enter or attach the grantee's maximum per-unit development subsidy limits for housing assisted with HTF funds.

The limits must be adjusted for the number of bedrooms and the geographic location of the project. The limits must also be reasonable and based on actual costs of developing non-luxury housing in the area.

If the grantee will use existing limits developed for other federal programs such as the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) per unit cost limits, HOME's maximum per-unit subsidy amounts, and/or Public Housing Development Cost Limits (TDCs), it must include a description

of how the HTF maximum per-unit development subsidy limits were established or a description of how existing limits developed for another program and being adopted for HTF meet the HTF requirements specified above.

NHTF uses the maximum subsidy limits provided by HUD. The most readily available limits are 2020 limits.

Unit Type /Unit Cost

Efficiency/Studio \$153,315

1 Bedroom \$175,752

2 Bedroom \$213,718

3 Bedroom \$276,482

4 Bedroom \$303,490

The State uses the single limit for maximum per-unit development subsidy based on HOME maximum per unit limits, across the state. The State determined this based off of a per unit development cost analysis from the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and Housing Trust Fund application rounds and no substantial variation between applications received state-wide. When a variation arises, the statewide subsidy limit will be re-evaluated.

8. Rehabilitation Standards. The grantee must establish rehabilitation standards for all HTF-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion. The grantee's description of its standards must be in sufficient detail to determine the required rehabilitation work including methods and materials. The standards may refer to applicable codes or they may establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The grantee must attach its rehabilitation standards below.

In addition, the rehabilitation standards must address each of the following: health and safety; major systems; lead-based paint; accessibility; disaster mitigation (where relevant); state and

local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements; Uniform Physical Condition Standards; Capital Needs Assessments (if applicable); and broadband infrastructure (if applicable).

In addition, the rehabilitation standards must address each of the following: health and safety; major systems; lead-based paint; accessibility; disaster mitigation (where relevant); state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements; Uniform Physical Condition Standards; and Capital Needs Assessments (if applicable). The Minimum Housing Rehab and Property Standards is attached below.



MINIMUM HOUSING REHABILITATION AND PROPERTY STANDARDS

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I. PREFACE

This document is intended to provide the minimum acceptable standards for existing multi-family household dwelling units rehabilitated in whole or in part with North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) program funds. Any reference in this document to "rehabilitation" is meant to include rehabilitation of existing housing and adaptive reuse of existing non-residential building(s) which create new multifamily rental housing. These standards are not intended to reduce or exclude the requirements of any local or state building or housing codes, standards, or ordinances that may apply. In the event of any conflicting code(s), the more restrictive code(s) will apply. Housing rehabilitated with NDHFA assistance must meet all applicable State and local codes, ordinances, and requirements or, in the absence of a State or local building code, the International Existing Building Code of the International Code Council.

These standards were designed to assist in achieving consistency throughout the state for all rehabilitation activities assisted with NDHFA funds.

These standards assume that a knowledgeable inspector will thoroughly inspect each dwelling to verify the presence and condition of all components, systems, and equipment of the dwelling. All components, systems, and equipment of a dwelling referenced in this document shall be in good working order and condition and be capable of being used for the purpose for which they were intended and/or designed. Components, systems and/or equipment that are not in good working order and condition shall be repaired or replaced. When it is necessary to replace items (systems, components, or equipment), the replacement items must conform to these standards. These standards also assume that the inspector will take into account any extraordinary circumstances of the occupants of the dwelling (e.g., physical disabilities) and reflect a means to address such circumstances in their inspection and in the preparation of work write-ups and project specifications for that dwelling.

All interior ceilings, walls, and floors must not have any serious defects such as severe bulging or leaning, large holes, loose surface materials, severe buckling, missing components or other serious damage. The roof must be structurally sound and weather-resistant. All exterior walls (including foundation walls) must not have any serious defects such as leaning, buckling, sagging, large holes, or defects that may result in the structure not being weather-resistant or that may result in air infiltration or vermin infestation. The condition of all interior and exterior stairs, halls, porches, walkways, etc. must not present a danger of tripping or falling.

If an inspector determines that the specific individual standards of this document cannot be achieved on any single dwelling due to it being structurally impossible and/or cost prohibitive, the inspector shall document the specific item(s) as non-conforming with these standards. The inspector shall prepare, for NDHFA's consideration, a list of any and all non-conforming items along with his/her recommendation to waive, or not to waive, the individual non-conforming items. Any waiver of non-conforming items are at the sole discretion of NDHFA. Items necessary to meet HUD Uniform Physical Conditions Standards may not be waived.

Rehabilitation projects (including adaptive reuse) must address any and all deficiencies identified in Section XV of this Property Standards document as part of the project's scope of work so that, upon completion, all such deficiencies are cured. For projects which include acquisition and/or rehabilitation of occupied housing, any life threatening health and safety deficiencies, as defined in Section XV, must be addressed and corrected immediately.

Energy Star rated systems, components, equipment, fixtures and appliances are encouraged.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Egress** – A permanent and unobstructed means of exiting from the dwelling in an emergency escape or rescue situation.
- B. Habitable Space (Room)** – Space (rooms) within the dwelling for living, sleeping, eating, or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet rooms, closets, halls, storage, or utility spaces, and similar areas (rooms) are not considered habitable spaces (rooms).
- C. Energy Star Rated** – Includes all systems, components, equipment, fixtures, and appliances that meet strict energy efficiency performance criteria established, as a joint effort, by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and that carry the Energy Star label as evidence of meeting this criteria.

III. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR BASIC EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

- A. Kitchens – Every dwelling shall have a kitchen room or kitchenette equipped with the following:**
 - 1. Kitchen Sink.** The dwelling shall have a kitchen sink, connected to both hot and cold potable water supply lines under pressure and to the sanitary sewer waste line. When replacing such components, water supply shut off valves shall be installed.
 - 2. Oven and Stove or Range.** The dwelling shall contain an oven and a stove or range connected to the source of fuel or power, in good working order and capable of supplying the service for which it is intended.
 - 3. Refrigerator.** The dwelling shall contain a refrigerator connected to the power supply, in good working order and capable of supplying the service for which it is intended.
 - 4. Counter Space Area.** Every kitchen or kitchenette shall have an adequate storage area. Every kitchen or kitchenette shall have adequate counter space.
- B. Toilet Room:** Every dwelling shall contain a room which is equipped with a flush toilet and a lavatory. The flush water closet shall be connected to the cold potable water supply, under pressure, and to the sanitary sewer system. The lavatory shall be connected to both a hot and cold potable water supply, under pressure, and connected to the sanitary sewer system. When replacing such components, water supply shut-off valves shall be installed.
- C. Bath Required:** Every dwelling shall contain a bathtub and/or shower.

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1. The bathtub and/or shower unit(s) need not be located in the same room as the flush water closet and lavatory. The bathtub and/or shower unit may be located in a separate room.
 2. The bathtub and/or shower unit shall be connected to both hot and cold potable water supply lines, under pressure, and shall be connected to the sanitary sewer system. Where feasible, shut off valves shall be installed on the water supply lines. All faucets, when replaced, shall be water balancing scald guard type faucets.
- D. Privacy in Room(s) Containing Toilet and/or Bath:** Every toilet room and/or every bathroom (the room or rooms containing the bathtub and/or shower unit) shall be contained in a room or rooms that afford privacy to a person within said room or rooms. Every toilet room and/or bathroom shall have doors equipped with a privacy lock or latch in good working order.
- E. Hot Water Supply:** Every dwelling shall have supplied water-heating equipment (water heater and hot water supply lines) that is free of leaks, connected to the source of fuel or power, and is capable of heating water to be drawn for general usage.
1. No atmospheric water heaters shall be allowed in a confined space. No water heaters shall be allowed in the toilet rooms, bathrooms, bedrooms, or sleeping rooms. No gas water heaters shall be allowed in a clothes closet.
 2. All gas water heaters shall be vented in a safe manner to a chimney or flue leading to the exterior of the dwelling. Unlined brick chimneys must have a metal liner installed to meet manufacturer's venting requirements. If metal chimney venting cannot be added, a power vented water heater may be installed. Install according to manufacturer's specifications.
 3. All water heaters shall be equipped with a pressure/temperature relief valve possessing a full-sized (non-reduced) approved discharge pipe to within six (6) inches of the floor. The discharge pipe shall not be threaded at the discharge end.
 4. All water heaters must be installed to manufacturer's installation specifications.
 5. Replacement water heaters shall meet Energy Star requirements at the time of installation.
 6. Where feasible, tankless water heaters may be installed in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines and sized to provide adequate hot water supply to all fixtures. Gas supply lines and/or electrical capacity must be evaluated before installing tankless water heaters. Before installing, careful consideration should be made regarding supply and water temperature to owners.

F. Exits: Every exit from every dwelling shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Every habitable room shall have two (2) independent and unobstructed means of egress. This is normally achieved through an entrance door and an egress window.
2. All above grade egress windows from habitable rooms shall have a net clear opening of 5.7 square feet. The minimum net clear opening width dimension shall not be less than twenty inches (20") wide, and the minimum net clear opening height dimension shall not be less than twenty-four inches (24") wide. Note that the combination of minimum window width and minimum window height opening size does not meet the 5.7 square feet requirements. Therefore, the window size will need to be greater than the minimum opening sizes in either width or height. Where windows are provided as a means of escape or rescue, they shall have a finished sill height of not more than forty-eight inches (48") above the floor in basements. Egress windows with a finished sill height of more than forty-eight inches (48") shall have a permanently installed step platform that is in compliance with stair construction standards.

All at-grade egress windows from habitable rooms may be reduced in size to 5.0 square feet of operable window area, but the area must meet the minimum width and height requirements of all egress windows.

When windows are being replaced within existing openings, the existing window size shall be determined to be of sufficient size even if current window sizes do not meet current egress standards. However, if the specification writer determines that changing the window size is beneficial, such egress window size modification will be allowed but not required. If new construction windows are being installed, these windows must meet all egress window requirements (for example, if adding on to existing building in a rehabilitation or adaptive reuse).

3. In habitable basements (or habitable rooms within a basement) where one means of egress is a window, the window shall have a net clear opening of 5.0 square feet. The window shall open directly to the street or yard or, where such egress window has a finished sill height that is below the adjacent ground elevation, shall have an egress window/area well. The egress window/area well shall provide a minimum accessible net clear opening of nine square feet that includes a minimum horizontal dimension of thirty-six inches (36") from the window. Egress window/area wells with a depth of more than forty-four (44") shall be equipped with an affixed ladder, stairs or platform according to local code that are accessible with the window in the fully opened position. Such ladder will have rungs at 12 inches on-center and projecting out a minimum of three inches from the side of the window well.

G. Stairs: If replacing existing stairs, stairs will need to conform as close as possible to new construction standards, but replacement stairs do not need to be in compliance with new codes. All newly constructed stairs (interior and exterior

stairways) shall comply with the following requirements and local code requirements:

1. All stairways and steps of four (4) or more risers shall have at least one (1) handrail. All stairways and steps which are five (5) feet or more in width shall have a handrail on each side.
2. All handrails shall be installed not less than thirty-four inches (34") nor more than thirty-eight inches (38"), measured plumb, above the nosing of the stair treads. Handrails adjacent to a wall shall have a space of not less than one and one-half inches (1 1/2") between the wall and the handrail. All handrails shall be turned back into the wall on railing ends. The size of a round railing must be a minimum of 1.25 inches, but not more than 2 inches. Railings must be continuous from the top riser to the bottom riser.
3. Porches, balconies, decks, or raised floor surfaces, including stairway riser and/or landing, located more than thirty (30) inches above the floor or the grade, shall have guardrails installed that are not less than thirty-six inches (36") in height. Open guardrails and stair railings shall have intermediate rails or ornamental pattern such that a sphere four inches (4") in diameter cannot pass through.
4. All stairs and steps shall have a riser height of not more than eight inches (8") and a tread depth of not less than nine inches (9"). All newly constructed stairs, not replacement stairs, shall have a riser height of not more than seven and three quarters (7 3/4") and a tread depth of not less than ten inches (10"). Risers and treads cannot be different in size by more than 3/8 of an inch from the top to the bottom of the stairs.

H. Smoke Detectors: All smoke detectors shall be dual sensor detectors. They shall be hard-wired with battery back-up and interconnected with all other alarms. Smoke detectors shall be located as follows:

1. On the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.
2. In each room used for sleeping purposes, and
3. In each story within a dwelling unit, including basements but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

All smoke detectors shall be installed per manufacturer's installation instructions.

I. Carbon Monoxide Detectors: Where a heating system source, other than solid fuel burning appliances (e.g., wood stoves), and/or water heater that burns solid,

liquid or gaseous fuels is located horizontally adjacent to any habitable room, a hard-wired with battery back-up carbon monoxide detector is required and is to be installed per the manufacturer's instructions. Any dwelling that has a fuel source heating system (not electric), other solid fuel burning appliances (e.g., wood stoves, pellet, or corn stoves), and/or fuel source water heater (not electric), a hard-wired with battery back-up combination smoke alarm/carbon monoxide detector is required to be installed per the manufacturer's instructions on the main living area floor.

IV. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR VENTILATION

- A.** In general, sufficient ventilation shall be present to ensure adequate air circulation in the dwelling.
- B.** Bathrooms, including toilet rooms, shall be provided with an exhaust fan. If it is being installed or replaced, it shall be rated at a minimum of 60 CFM and 4 sones or less. Fans shall have insulated ducting vented to the exterior. A fan needs to be installed if there is no window or a non-operable window is present.

V. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE

- A. Minimum Electrical Service:** Every dwelling unit, at a minimum, shall have a 100-ampere breaker controlled electrical panel. All electrical work shall be in compliance with adopted State electrical code requirements. The panel, service mast, etc. shall also be installed to local utility company requirements.
- B. Convenience Outlets:**
 - 1. Every habitable room within the dwelling shall contain at least two (2) separate duplex, wall-type electrical outlets. Placement of such outlets shall be on separate walls. All newly installed receptacles shall be grounded duplex receptacles or GFCI protected.
 - 2. All electrical outlets used in bathrooms and toilet rooms, all outlets within six feet (6'-0") of a water source (excluding designated simplex equipment circuits for clothes washing machines and sump pumps), outlets located on open porches or breezeways, exterior outlets, outlets located in garages and in non-habitable basements, except those electrical outlets that are dedicated appliance outlets, and all kitchen receptacles serving the countertop area shall be ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected. All exterior receptacles shall be covered by a receptacle cover that when a cord is plugged in, the GFCI outlet will stay covered and protected.
 - 3. All accessible knob and tube, unsafe, and/or illegal wiring shall be removed and replaced with type NM cable (Romex) or as required by code.

4. All broken, damaged or nonfunctioning switches or outlets shall be replaced. All fixtures and wiring shall be adequately installed to ensure safety from fire so far as visible components are observed.
5. All missing or broken switch and outlet covers (including junction boxes) shall be replaced. Each receptacle or switch located on an exterior wall shall have a foam seal placed under the cover.

C. Lighting:

1. Every habitable room and every bathroom (including toilet room), laundry room, furnace or utility room, and hallway shall have at least one (1) ceiling or wall-type electric light fixture, controlled by a remote wall switch. Habitable rooms (except kitchens or kitchenettes) may have a wall-type electrical outlet controlled by a remote wall switch in lieu of a ceiling or wall-type light fixture. Energy efficient fixtures that meet energy star ratings and compact florescent bulb equivalent or better shall be installed in all new fixture installations.
2. All stairwells shall have at least one light fixture controlled by a remote wall switch at the top and bottom of the stairs.
3. Porcelain type fixtures with pull chains are acceptable for use in basements (except for the one controlled by a remote wall switch) cellars, and attics.
4. All pendant type lighting fixtures that are supported only by the electrical supply wire shall be removed or replaced. If replaced, replace with Energy Star rated fixtures.

VI. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR HEATING SYSTEMS

- A. Heating System:** All heating systems (and central air-conditioning systems where they exist) shall be capable of safely and adequately heating (or cooling as applicable) for all living space.
- B. Cooling System:** Non-working or improperly functioning central air conditioning systems may be replaced as part of the rehabilitation work. The installation of a central air conditioning system, where it currently does not exist, is permissible where feasible and practical. New A/C installation will not be a priority unless project funds are available.
- C. Requirements for Heating and or Cooling Systems:**
 1. All existing heating systems, including but not limited to, chimneys and flues, cut-off valves and switches, limit controls, heat exchangers, burners, combustion and ventilation air, relief valves, drip legs and air, hot water, or steam delivery components (ducts, piping, etc.) that are not being replaced, shall be inspected to be in a safe and proper functioning

condition at the time of inspection, by means of written project file documentation.

2. Every heating system burning solid, liquid or gaseous fuels shall be vented in a safe manner to a chimney or flue leading to the exterior of the dwelling. The heating system chimney and/or flue shall be of such design to assure proper draft and shall be adequately supported.
3. No heating system source burning solid, liquid or gaseous fuels shall be located in any habitable room or bathroom, including any toilet room.
4. Every fuel burning appliance (solid, liquid or gaseous fuels) shall have adequate combustion air and ventilation air. All new furnaces will have sealed combustion with combustion air brought in from the exterior of the house and installed in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines.
5. Every heat duct, steam pipe and hot water pipe shall be free of leaks and shall function such that an adequate amount of heat is delivered where intended. All accessible duct joints must be sealed with mastic or any other acceptable product. Newly installed ductwork must also be sealed. All accessible steam piping and hot water piping must be installed with an approved material.
6. Every seal between any of the sections of the heating source(s) shall be air-tight so that noxious gases and fumes will not escape into the dwelling.
7. No space heater shall be of a portable type.
8. Minimum requirements for forced air furnaces, when installed, will be no less than a 92% AFUE, or the minimum AFUE, if greater than 92%, to obtain a local utility rebate (Energy Star rated for northern climates). A digital programmable thermostat must be installed. Condensate lines will drain to a floor drain or have a condensate pump installed and piped to discharge. All furnace ductwork shall be equipped with an air filter clean out location that has a tight fitting cover installed over it.
9. All boilers, when replaced, will have an "A" rating and be no less than 90% AFUE rating. All combustion air will be from the exterior of the house. The addition of zone valves may be useful to reduce energy cost. Heat lines shall be insulated with approved material. Programmable thermostats will be installed.
10. A/C units, if added or replaced, shall not be less than 14.5 SEER or the lowest SEER rating that is available at the time of installation but not less than 14.5 SEER. All units shall be installed, when possible, on either the north or east side of the dwelling or in an area that will provide shade for the unit. The correct coil will be installed that is compatible with both the furnace and A/C unit. Homeowners who use window air conditioners will be encouraged to purchase Energy Star rated air conditioners. No window A/C units may be purchased with NDHFA funds.

11. All wood, pellet, corn, switch grass, hydrogen, or other biomass fuel stoves must be installed to manufacturer's guidelines. Where such guidelines are not available, the heating unit will be removed. Venting and combustion air must be installed in accordance with manufacturer's requirements.

D. Energy Conservation: All structures shall comply with certain energy conservation measures (U.S. Department of Energy recommendations). These measures include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. When siding is being replaced and/or interior wall finishes of exterior walls are being replaced on a dwelling, such exterior walls are to be provided with insulation and at the recommended resistance factor (R-value) or R-11, or that which is allowed by the stud cavity space. In addition, an air infiltration barrier, such as Tyvek or approved equal, shall be installed on all exterior walls. If new walls are being framed and insulated, the minimum R factor is R-19 or R-13 plus R-5 foam. The installation of fan-fold foam or foam sheathing may be added to increase household R-ratings.
2. When new windows are to be installed, windows must be current Energy Star rated for northern climates. All rope weight openings will be insulated and all new windows will have the window jamb sealed. Where SHPO requirements will restrict the installation of vinyl windows, the specifications will be written to come as close as possible to achieving Energy Star requirements.
3. All heat ducts and hot water or steam heat distribution piping shall be insulated or otherwise protected from heat loss where such ducts or piping runs are located in unheated spaces. Similarly, distribution piping for general use hot water shall also be protected from heat loss where such piping is located in unheated spaces. All water distribution piping shall be protected from freezing.
4. Attic access passage ways (scuttle holes) shall be no less than 22" by 30" or the size of original construction. If it is impossible to conform to this standard, the largest attic access hole possible will be installed.

VII. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE INTERIOR OF STRUCTURES

A. Interior Walls, Floors, Ceilings, Doors, and Windows:

1. All interior walls, floors, ceilings, doors and windows shall be capable of being kept in a clean and sanitary condition by the owner.
2. Every bathroom and/or toilet room, kitchen or kitchenette, and utility room floor surface shall be constructed such that they are impervious to water and can easily be kept in a clean and sanitary condition by the owner.

3. All interior doors shall be capable of affording the privacy for which they are intended.
4. No dwelling containing two or more bedrooms shall have a room arrangement that access to a bathroom, toilet room, or a bedroom can be achieved only by going through another bathroom, toilet room, or another bedroom.
5. It is encouraged that all paints, stains, varnishes, lacquers and other finishes used in the rehabilitated dwelling shall be low or no VOC paint finishes and installed as required by the manufacturer.

VIII. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE EXTERIOR OF STRUCTURES

A. Foundations, Exterior Walls, Roofs, Soffits and Fascia:

1. Every foundation, exterior wall, roof, soffit and fascia shall be made weather resistant. Products for exterior walls, roofs, soffits, and fascia shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.
2. Roof replacement shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements. When installing asphalt or fiberglass shingles, a minimum of a 30-year shingle shall be used. Other products such as metal roofing may be considered.

B. Drainage:

1. All rainwater shall be conveyed and drained away from every roof so as not to cause wetness or dampness in the structure. No roof drainage systems shall be connected to a sanitary sewer, or directly to a storm sewer system.
2. The ground around the dwelling shall be sloped away from foundation walls to divert water away from the structure.
3. If feasible, the collection of roof water is encouraged.

C. Windows, Exterior Doors and Basement Entries (Including Cellar Hatchways):

1. Every window, exterior door, basement entry and cellar hatchway shall be tight fitting within their frames, be rodent-proof, insect-proof and be weatherproof such that water and surface drainage is prevented from entering the dwelling. In addition, the following requirements shall also be met:
 - a. All exterior doors and windows shall be equipped with security locks. Deadbolts are not required.

- b. Every window sash shall be fully equipped with glass windowpanes which are without cracks or holes. Every window sash to be replaced shall use Energy Star rated for northern climate windows unless the existing windows have insulated glass. Stained or leaded glass found to be historically significant may be protected by a fixed low-E glass storm window. Every window sash shall fit tightly within its frame, and be secured in a manner consistent with the window design. All window jambs will be sealed. All rope weight openings shall be insulated before installing the new window. Energy Star rated for Northern climate.
- c. Storm doors, when installed, shall also be equipped with a self-closing device.
- d. Every exterior door, when closed, shall fit properly within its frame and shall have door hinges and security locks or latches. All exterior doors will be no less than metal clad insulated (foam filled) doors. All jambs and thresholds will be sealed.
- e. Every exterior door shall be not less than two foot-four inches (2'-4") in width and not less than six foot-six inches (6'6") in height. Existing door sizes will be grandfathered, but an attempt shall be made to have at least one exterior door that is not less than 36 inches wide and no less than 6'-8" high.

IX. MINIMUM SPACE, USE, AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. No cellar space shall be converted to habitable space.
- B. **Habitable Basement Space:** No basement space shall be used as habitable space unless all habitable space requirements are met and all of the following requirements are met:
 - 1. The floor and walls are waterproof or damp proof construction.
 - 2. Such habitable space has a hard surfaced floor of concrete or masonry.
 - 3. Such space shall have a minimum of two exits. In addition to the stairs, this would normally consist of one egress window.

X. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PLUMBING SYSTEMS

- A. All dwelling plumbing systems shall be capable of safely and adequately providing a water supply and wastewater disposal for all plumbing fixtures. Every dwelling plumbing system shall comply with the following requirements.
 - 1. All existing plumbing systems and plumbing system components shall be free of leaks. When repairing or adding to such systems, any type of pipe allowed by the State plumbing code shall be allowed.

2. All plumbing system piping shall be of adequate size to deliver water to plumbing fixtures and to convey wastewater from plumbing fixtures (including proper slope of wastewater piping) as designed by the fixture manufacturer).
3. All plumbing fixtures shall be in good condition, free of cracks and defects, and capable of being used for the purpose in which they were intended.
4. The plumbing system shall be vented in a manner that allows the wastewater system to function at atmospheric pressure and prevents the siphoning of water from fixtures. Venting by mechanical vents is accepted as an alternative to exterior atmospheric venting.
5. All fixtures that discharge wastewater shall contain, or be discharged through, a trap that prevents the entry of sewer gas into the dwelling.
6. All plumbing system piping and fixtures shall be installed in a manner that prevents the system, or any component of the system, from freezing.
7. All plumbing fixtures and water connections shall be installed in such a way as to prevent the backflow of water from the system into the plumbing system's water source.
8. Valves shall be installed with the valve in the upright position. When replacing valves, the use of a full port ball-valve shall be encouraged.

XI. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR POTABLE WATER SUPPLY

- A. Every dwelling shall be connected to an approved (by the jurisdiction having authority) potable water source.
- B. All potable water fixtures and equipment shall be installed in such a manner as to make it impossible for used, unclear, polluted or contaminated water, mixtures or substances to enter any portion of the potable water system piping. All equipment and fixtures shall be installed with air gaps (traps) to prevent back siphonage. All outlets with hose threads (except those serving a clothes washing machine) shall have a vacuum breaker for use with the application. Any plumbing equipment or fixtures that allow, or appear to allow, the previous conditions, or are otherwise deemed to be unhealthy, unsanitary, or unsafe shall be replaced. No water piping supplied by a private water supply system shall be connected to any other source of water supply without the approval of the jurisdiction having authority over the installation.

XII. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CONNECTION TO SANITARY SEWER

Every dwelling shall be connected to an approved (by the jurisdiction having authority) sanitary sewer system.

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XIII. LEAD-BASED PAINT (Housing Trust Fund only)

Housing assisted by the Housing Trust Fund is subject to the regulations at 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K, and R which govern lead-based paint poisoning prevention in residential structures. Applicants, developers, and builders of any project requiring the rehabilitation or adaptive reuse of structures built prior to 1978 must read, fully understand, and comply with 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K, and R.

XIV. ACCESSIBILITY

Housing assisted with NDHFA funds must meet the accessibility requirements of 24 CFR Part 8, which implements Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, implemented at 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36, as applicable. "Covered multifamily dwellings", as defined at 24 CFR Part 100.201, must also meet the design and construction requirements at 24 CFR Part 100.205, which implements the Fair Housing Act.

XV. UNIFORM PHYSICAL CONDITION STANDARDS

Housing assisted with NDHFA funds and which are placed in service must follow property standards which include all inspectable items and inspectable areas specified by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) based on the HUD physical inspection procedures, known as the Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) prescribed by HUD pursuant to 24 CFR Part 5, subpart G. Any and all deficiencies identified during annual compliance monitoring site visits of NDHFA-assisted properties must be cured. NDHFA will monitor property condition standards by the same processes and procedures as have been used by NDHFA for the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, which does not employ a scoring protocol or grade levels of deficiencies; all identified deficiencies must be corrected.

Rehabilitation projects (including adaptive reuse) must address any and all deficiencies identified in this section as part of the project's scope of work so that, upon completion, all such deficiencies are cured. For projects which include acquisition and/or rehabilitation of occupied housing, any life threatening health and safety deficiencies, identified in this section in ALL CAPS, must be addressed and corrected immediately.

A. Housing assisted with NDHFA funds must be decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair. Owners of NDHFA-assisted property must maintain such housing in a manner that meets the physical condition standards set forth in this section in order to be considered decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair. These standards address the major areas of the NDHFA-assisted housing: the site; the building exterior; the building systems; the dwelling units; the common areas; and health and safety considerations.

1. **Site:** The inspectable items related to Site, such as fencing and gates, retaining walls, grounds, lighting, mailboxes/project signs, parking lots/driveways, play areas and equipment, refuse disposal, roads, market appeal, storm drainage, walkways, and steps must be free of health and

safety hazards and be in good repair. The site must not be subject to material adverse conditions, such as abandoned vehicles, dangerous walks or steps, poor drainage, septic tank back-ups, sewer hazards, excess accumulation of trash, vermin or rodent infestation, or fire hazards.

Examples of observable deficiencies for inspectable items related to Site include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Fencing and Gates (both security/safety and non-security fences and gates): Damaged, falling, or leaning; Holes; Missing sections.
- Grounds: Erosion; Rutting areas; Overgrown or penetrating vegetation; Ponding or poor site drainage.
- Mailboxes/Project Signs: Missing or damaged.
- Market Appeal: Graffiti, Litter
- Parking Lots/Driveways/Roads: Cracks; Ponding; Potholes; Loose material; Settlement or heaving.
- Play Areas and Equipment: Damaged or broken equipment; Deteriorated play area surface.
- Refuse Disposal: Broken or damaged enclosure; Inadequate outdoor storage space.
- Retaining Walls: Damaged, falling, or leaning.
- Storm Drainage: Damaged or obstructed.
- Walkways/Steps: Broken or missing handrail; Cracks; Settlement; Heaving; Spalling; Exposed rebar.

2. Building exterior: Each building on the site must be structurally sound, secure, habitable, and in good repair. The inspectable items related to Building Exterior, which includes each building's doors, fire escapes, foundations, lighting, roofs, walls, and windows, where applicable, must be free of health and safety hazards, operable, and in good repair.

Examples of observable deficiencies for inspectable items related to Building Exterior include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Doors: Damaged frames, threshold, lintels, or trim; Damaged hardware or locks; Damaged surface (Holes, paint, rusting, glass); Damaged or missing screen, storm or security door; Deteriorated or missing caulking or seals; Missing door.
- FIRE ESCAPES: BLOCKED EGRESS OR LADDERS; VISIBLY MISSING COMPONENTS.
- Foundations: Cracks or gaps; Spalling; Exposed rebar.
- Lighting: Broken fixtures or bulbs.
- Roofs: Damaged soffits or fascia; Damaged vents; Damaged or clogged drains; Damaged or torn membrane; Missing ballast; Missing or damaged components from downspout or gutter; Missing or damaged shingles; Ponding.
- Walls: Cracks or gaps; Damaged chimneys; Missing or damaged caulking or mortar; Missing pieces, holes, or spalling; Stained, peeling, or needs paint.
- Windows: Broken, missing, or cracked panes; Damaged sills, frames, lintels, or trim; Damaged or missing screens; Missing or deteriorated

caulking, seals, or glazing compound; Peeling or missing paint;
SECURITY BARS PREVENT EGRESS.

3. Building systems: The inspectable items related to Building Systems, which includes each building's domestic water, electrical system, elevators, emergency power, fire protection, HVAC, roof exhaust system, and sanitary system must be free of health and safety hazards, functionally adequate, operable, and in good repair.

Examples of observable deficiencies for inspectable items related to Building Systems include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Domestic Water: Leaking central water supply; Missing pressure relief valve; RUST OR CORROSION ON HEATER CHIMNEY; IMPROPER ANGLE OF OR DISCONNECTED FLUE ON WATER HEATER; Water supply inoperable.
- Electrical System: Blocked access or improper storage; Burnt breakers; Evidence of leaks or corrosion; Frayed wiring; MISSING BREAKERS OR FUSES; MISSING OUTLET COVERS.
- Elevators: Not operable.
- Emergency Power: Auxiliary lighting inoperable; Run-up records/Documentation not available.
- Fire Protection: Missing/disabled/painted/blocked/capped sprinkler head; Missing, damaged, or expired extinguishers.
- HVAC: Boiler or pump leaks; Fuel supply leaks; General rust or corrosion; MISALIGNED CHIMNEY OR VENTILATION SYSTEM.
- Roof Exhaust System: Roof exhaust fan(s) inoperable.
- Sanitary System: Broken, leaking, or clogged pipes or drains; Missing drain, cleanout, or manhole covers.

4. Dwelling units: Each dwelling unit within a building must be structurally sound, habitable, and in good repair. All inspectable items of the dwelling unit (for example, the unit's bathroom, call-for-aid (if applicable), ceiling, doors, electrical systems, floors, hot water heater, HVAC, kitchen, lighting, laundry area, outlets/switches, patio/porch/balcony, smoke detectors, stairs, walls, and windows) must be free of health and safety hazards, functionally adequate, operable, and in good repair.

Examples of observable deficiencies for inspectable items related to the Dwelling Units include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Bathroom: Bathroom cabinets damaged or missing; Lavatory sink damaged or missing; Plumbing has clogged drains or faucets or leaking faucet or pipes; Shower or tub is damaged or missing; Ventilation or exhaust system is absent or inoperable; Water closet or toilet is damaged, clogged, or missing.
- Call-for-Aid (if applicable): Inoperable.
- Ceiling: Bulging, bucking, or leaking; Holes, missing tiles, panels, or cracks; Peeling or missing paint; Water stains, water damage, mold or mildew.
- Doors: Damaged frames, threshold, lintels, or trim; Damaged hardware or locks; Damaged or missing screen, storm or security door; Damaged

- surface, including holes, bad paint, rusting, broken glass, or rotting; Deteriorated or missing seals on the entry door; Missing door.
- Electrical System: Blocked access to electrical panel; Burnt breakers; Evidence of leaks or corrosion; Frayed wiring; GFI inoperable; MISSING BREAKERS OR FUSES; MISSING COVERS.
- Floors: Bulging or buckling; Hard floor covering damage; Missing flooring tiles; Peeling or missing paint; Rotten or deteriorated subfloor; Water stains, water damage, mold, or mildew.
- Hot Water Heater: MISALIGNED CHIMNEY OR VENTILATION SYSTEM; Inoperable unit or components; Leaking valves, tanks, or pipes; Pressure relief valve missing; Rust or corrosion.
- HVAC System: Convection or radiant heat system covers missing or damaged; Inoperable system; MISALIGNED CHIMNEY OR VENTILATION SYSTEM; Noisy, vibrating, or leaking system; Rust or corrosion.
- Kitchen: Cabinets are missing or damaged; Countertops are missing or damaged; Dishwasher or garbage disposal is inoperable; Plumbing has clogged drains, leaking faucets, or pipes; Range hood or exhaust fans are inoperable; Excessive grease buildup; Range or stove is missing, damaged, or inoperable; Refrigerator is missing, damaged, or inoperable; Sink is damaged or missing.
- Laundry Area: Dryer vent is missing, damaged, or inoperable.
- Lighting: Missing or inoperable fixture.
- Outlets/Switches: Missing outlet or switch; MISSING OR BROKEN COVER PLATE.
- Patio/Porch/Balcony: Baluster or side railings damaged.
- SMOKE DETECTOR: MISSING OR INOPERABLE.
- Stairs: Broken, missing, or damaged steps or handrail.
- Walls: Bulging or buckling; Damaged wall surface; Damaged or deteriorated trim; Peeling or missing paint; Water stains, water damage, mold, or mildew.
- Windows: Cracked, broken, or missing panes; Damaged window sill; Missing or deteriorated caulking, seals, glazing; Inoperable or not lockable; Peeling or missing paint; SECURITY BARS PREVENT EGRESS.

5. Common areas: The common areas must be structurally sound, secure, and functionally adequate for the purposes intended. The basement/garage/carport, restrooms, closets, utility, mechanical, community rooms, day care, halls/corridors, stairs, kitchens, laundry rooms, office, porch, patio, balcony, and trash collection areas, if applicable, must be free of health and safety hazards, operable, and in good repair. All common area ceilings, doors, floors, HVAC, lighting, outlets/switches, smoke detectors, stairs, walls, and windows, to the extent applicable, must be free of health and safety hazards, operable, and in good repair.

Examples of observable deficiencies for inspectable items related to the Common Areas include, but are not limited to, the following. Common Areas include Basement, Garage, Carport, Closet, Utility or Mechanical

Room, Community Room, Halls, Corridors, Stairs, Kitchens, Laundry Room, Lobby, Office, Patio, Porch, Balcony, Restrooms, Storage Areas, Pedestrian or Wheelchair Ramps, Pools and Related Structures, Trash Collection Areas, or Other Community Spaces.

- Missing or damaged balusters or side railings.
- Cabinets missing or damaged.
- Call-for-Aid system (if applicable) inoperable.
- Ceiling: Holes, missing tiles or panels, cracks; Peeling or missing paint; Water stains, water damage, mold, or mildew; Bulging or buckling.
- Chutes: Damaged or missing components.
- Countertops missing or damaged.
- Dishwasher or garbage disposal inoperable.
- Doors: Damaged frames, threshold, lintels, or trim; Damaged hardware or locks; Damaged surface (holes, paint, rust, glass); Damaged or missing screen, storm, or security door; Deteriorated or missing seals on entry door; Missing door.
- Dryer Vent: Missing, damaged, or inoperable.
- Electrical: Blocked access to electrical panel; Burnt breakers, Evidence of leaks or corrosion; Frayed wiring; MISSING BREAKERS; MISSING PLATES OR COVERS; Inoperable GFI; Missing or broken outlets, switches, or cover plates.
- Fencing: Damaged or not intact.
- Floors: Bulging or buckling; Floor covering damaged; Missing flooring or tiles; Peeling painted surface; Rotten or deteriorated subflooring; Water stains, water damage, mold, or mildew.
- Graffiti
- HVAC: Convection or radiant heat system covers missing or damaged; General rust or corrosion; Inoperable unit or system; MISALIGNED CHIMNEY OR VENTILATION SYSTEM; Noisy, vibrating, or leaking.
- Lavatory Sink: Damaged or missing fixture.
- Lighting: Missing, damaged, or inoperable fixture.
- Mailbox: Missing or damaged.
- Plumbing: Clogged drains; Leaking faucet or pipes.
- Range Hood/Exhaust Fans: Excessive grease buildup; Inoperable.
- Range/Stove: Missing, damaged, or inoperable.
- Refrigerator: Missing, damaged, or inoperable.
- Shower/Tub/Sink: Damaged or missing.
- SMOKE DETECTORS: MISSING OR INOPERABLE.
- Stairs: Broken, damaged, or missing steps or handrail.
- Ventilation/Exhaust system inoperable.
- Walls: Bulging or buckling; Damaged surface, peeling or missing paint; Damaged or deteriorated trim; Water stains, water damage, mold, or mildew.
- Water Closet/Toilet: Damaged, clogged, or missing.
- Windows: Cracked, broken, or missing panes; Damaged window sill; Inoperable or missing lock; Missing or deteriorated caulking, seals, or glazing; Peeling or missing paint; SECURITY BARS PREVENT EGRESS.

6. Health and safety concerns: All areas and components of the housing must be free of health and safety hazards. The inspectable areas related to Health and Safety include, air quality, electrical hazards, elevators, emergency/fire exits, flammable materials, garbage and debris, general hazards, infestation, and lead-based paint. For example, the buildings must have fire exits that are not blocked and have handrails that are undamaged and have no other observable deficiencies. The housing must have no evidence of infestation by rats, mice, or other vermin, or of garbage and debris. The housing must have no evidence of electrical hazards, natural hazards, or fire hazards. The dwelling units and common areas must have proper ventilation and be free of mold, odor (e.g., propane, natural gas, methane gas), or other observable deficiencies. The housing must comply with all requirements related to the evaluation and reduction of lead-based paint hazards and have proper certifications of such (see 24 CFR part 35). For projects which include acquisition of occupied housing, life threatening deficiencies in areas of health and safety must be addressed and corrected immediately. Life threatening health and safety deficiencies are identified below by ALL CAPS.

Examples of observable deficiencies for inspectable items related to Health and Safety include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Air Quality: Mold and/or mildew observed; PROPANE, NATURAL GAS, OR METHANE GAS DETECTED; Sewer odor detected.
- ELECTRICAL HAZARDS: EXPOSED WIRES; OPEN PANELS; WATER LEAKS ON OR NEAR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.
- Elevator: Elevator is misaligned with floor by ¾ inches or more.
- Emergency Fire Exits: EXITS BLOCKED OR UNUSABLE; Missing exit signs.
- Flammable or Combustible Material: Improperly stored and secured.
- Garbage and Debris: Present indoors or outdoors.
- General Hazards: Sharp edges; Tripping; unsafe or missing handrails.
- Infestation: Insects, rats, mice, or other vermin.

7. Compliance with state and local codes: These physical condition standards do not supersede or preempt State and local codes for building and maintenance with which NDHFA-assisted housing must comply. NDHFA-assisted housing must continue to adhere to those codes.

- B. NDHFA is responsible for conducting physical inspections of NDHFA-assisted housing to determine compliance with these standards, and will conduct such inspections every one to three years at its sole discretion.

XVI. DISASTER MITIGATION

Housing assisted with NDHFA funds and which involve rehabilitation or adaptive reuse must be improved to mitigate the impact of potential disasters (e.g., earthquake, flooding, wildfires) in accordance with state and local codes, ordinances, and requirements.

XVII. CAPITAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT (Applicable Only to Tax Credit and Housing Trust Fund)

All housing assisted by the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) or Housing Trust Fund (HTF) programs involving rehabilitation or adaptive reuse must commission a Capital Needs Assessment (CNA). HTF regulations at 24 CFR Part 93.301(b)(1)(ii) allows projects under 26 units in size to forego a CNA. However, in order to ensure that all needed rehabilitation work is performed so that, upon completion, the project will be decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair, NDHFA has chosen to establish requirements which exceed 24 CFR Part 93. **All rehabilitation projects assisted through LIHTC or HTF must commission a CNA.**

- A. The CNA must be completed by a competent, independent third party acceptable to NDHFA, such as a licensed architect or engineer, as well as include interviews with available on-site property management and maintenance personnel to inquire about past repairs and improvements, pending repairs, and existing or chronic physical deficiencies.
- B. The assessment will include a site visit and a physical inspection of the interior and exterior of all units and structures. The assessment will consider the presence of environmental hazards such as asbestos, lead paint and mold on the site.
- C. The assessment will include an opinion as to the proposed budget for recommended improvements and should identify critical building systems or components that have reached or exceeded their expected useful lives. If the remaining useful life of any component is less than 50 percent of the expected useful life, immediate rehabilitation will be required unless capitalized. If the remaining useful life of a component is less than the term of the period of affordability, the application package must demonstrate sufficient periodic payments to a replacement reserve to finance the future replacement of the component.
- D. The assessment will examine and analyze the following:
 - 1. Site, including topography, drainage, pavement, curbing, sidewalks, parking, landscaping, amenities, water, sewer, storm drainage, and gas and electric utilities and lines;
 - 2. Structural systems, both substructure and superstructure, including exterior walls and balconies, exterior doors and windows, roofing system, and drainage;
 - 3. Interiors, including unit and common area finishes (carpeting, tile, plaster walls, paint condition, etc.), unit kitchen finishes, cabinets and appliances, unit bathroom finishes and fixtures, and common area lobbies and corridors; and

4. Mechanical systems, including plumbing and domestic hot water; HVAC, electrical, lighting fixtures, fire protection, and elevators.
- E.** Applicants are advised to also consider the requirements of other funding sources, such as USDA Rural Development, when ordering a CNA.

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9. Resale or Recapture Guidelines. Below, the grantee must enter (or attach) a description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HTF funds when used to assist first-time homebuyers. If the grantee will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

N/A

10. HTF Affordable Homeownership Limits. If the grantee intends to use HTF funds for homebuyer assistance and does not use the HTF affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD, it must determine 95 percent of the median area purchase price and set forth the information in accordance with §93.305. If the grantee will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

Any limitation or preference must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in § 93.350, and the grantee must not limit or give preferences to students. The grantee may permit rental housing owners to limit tenants or give a preference in accordance with § 93.303(d)(3) only if such limitation or preference is described in the action plan.

N/A

12. Refinancing of Existing Debt. Enter or attach the grantee's refinancing guidelines below. The guidelines describe the conditions under which the grantee will refinance existing debt. The grantee's refinancing guidelines must, at minimum, demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing. If the grantee will not refinance existing debt, enter "N/A."

N/A

Discussion:

Other Information Regarding HOME Homebuyer assistance.

If the State intends to use HOME funds for homebuyer downpayment assistance or for rehabilitation of owner-occupied single family housing reference the homeownership limits used: The State will use the currently published HOME and Housing Trust Fund Homeownership Value Limits.

Describe eligible applicants, the process for soliciting and funding applications or proposals and where detailed information can be obtained: Homeowner Rehabilitation programs are administered through the seven Community Action Agencies across North Dakota. All program information is available on each regions' website. Regional programs can be viewed at <https://www.capnd.org/programsandinitiatives/regions/>. Eligible Homeowners must qualify at 80 percent area median income for the county in which they are located and applications are received on a first come first served basis.

If the State planned to limit beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the low-income population, what is the description of the preferences: Homeowner Rehabilitation programs and Homebuyer downpayment assistance programs are not limited to a particular segment of the low-income population.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA 2021 HOME PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT AND 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROPOSED AMENDMENT

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) is seeking input on an amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan and a revision of the 2021 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Distribution Statement.

The purpose of the amendment is to allocate 2016-2020 HOME project funds for multifamily rental production and rehabilitation. HOME funds previously available were \$1,475,160 plus CHDO set-aside of \$450,000. Under the amendment, the available funds will be increased to \$5,526,962 of which \$1,350,859 will be set-aside for CHDO multifamily rental production and rehabilitation applications as required.

Uncommitted funds are as follows:

- 2016 – \$189,497.58
- 2017 – \$494,790.47
- 2018 – \$832,355.38
- 2019 – \$755,158.80
- 2020 – \$1,780,000.00

The proposed increase reflects NDHFA's goal to commit all the program's available project funds. The uncommitted funds from prior years are from the Community Action Agency set aside for single-family homeowner rehabilitation activities and unused rental production and rehabilitation funds.

NDHFA will make the additional funds available during the September 30, 2021, application round that is currently open. Applicants should refer to the 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement for the application process and eligibility. Multifamily rental production and rehabilitation criteria is found in Section III of the statement.

The amendment and statement will be available to the public for review and comment during the period of August 18, 2021, to September 17, 2021. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., CT, on September 17, 2021. The plan and statement can be found on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, under Project Financing and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Please contact NDHFA prior to the deadline for accommodations or additional information.

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Affidavit of Publication

Colleen Park, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:
ND Housing Finance Agency - seeking input on an amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan and a revision of the 2021 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Distribution Statement; 1 time(s) as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

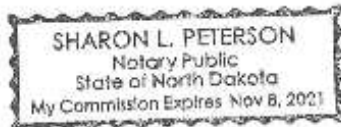
Signed: Colleen Park

State of North Dakota

County of Burleigh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of Aug, 2021.

Sharon L. Peterson



Field of Dreams to return

MLB says 2022 teams TBD

DAVE CAMPBELL
AP Sports Writer

DYERSVILLE, Iowa — As the bus carried the New York Yankees through the cornfields blanketing this serene, rolling farmland of northeast Iowa, Aaron Judge noticed a difference from the usual arrival in the next city.

The ride to the Field of Dreams site to play the Chicago White Sox on Thursday night had everyone's attention, like a bunch of kids who couldn't believe what they were getting to do.

"It was the first time people had their head-phones out, and they were just glued to the windows, checking out the scenery," said Judge, the three-time All-Star right fielder.

"We have a lot of guys from different countries who really haven't seen the country like this, or guys from big cities who really haven't seen open fields and stuff like this, so it was pretty cool driving in and seeing everybody in town kind of standing on the side of the roads with signs and cheering us on," he said.

The made-for-TV event, delayed by a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, had the billing as the first Ma-

ior League Baseball game in this state that's usually focused on college and community sports, spotlighted by presidential campaigns and fueled by the hog and grain industry.

It won't be a one-time visit, either. Commissioner Rob Manfred confirmed that the Field of Dreams game will return in August 2022, with the teams to be determined.

The made-from-scratch stadium — built to hold about 8,000 fans watch the White Sox and Yankees play in one of the most anticipated mid-August games in history — was placed next to the actual diamond where the 1989 movie starring Kevin Costner was shot outside the town of Dyersville, population 4,000.

There are rows upon rows of corn between the two outfields. Yes, it's the same spot where Shoeless Joe Jackson and his pals appeared — and disappeared — throughout the Academy Award-nominated film about fathers, children, culture, self-discovery, ghosts and, oh, yeah, baseball.

"As a kid you dream of the chance to play Major League Baseball and you watch certain movies or heroes in comic books and fairytales, and getting a chance to actually be at the Field of Dreams and play a



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL

Chicago White Sox first baseman Andrew Vaughn walks through a cornfield before Thursday night's game against the New York Yankees in Dyersville, Iowa.

game here and have family and friends here and getting a chance to represent the Yankees here, never in my life did I think I'd ever experience this," Judge said.

Major leaguers can be particular about the details when they're on a road trip, desiring to maximize comfort and minimize intrusion for optimal performance on the field, but nobody minded any of the logistical hurdles of playing this game a four-hour drive from Chicago and about a half-hour

ride from the airport in Dubuque where both teams flew in.

White Sox closer Liam Hendriks was all smiles as he recounted his exploration of the white farmhouse where the Kinsella family lives in the movie that's been well-kept as a tourist attraction.

Both teams had their fill of movie reenactment moments during pregame photo ops on the original field, before retreating into the corn and returning to

the regulation stadium to prepare for the game. The players were politely warned not to scrape their faces on the stalks and not to try to enter the maze — one of the fan attractions added to the site for the event — to avoid getting lost.

"Anyone who follows me on Instagram is going to be very sick of corn," said Hendriks, whose phone storage had filled up after all the photos and videos he recorded.

Judge was born three years after "Field of Dreams" was released, but his father introduced him to the movie when he was a kid and he quickly became a big fan. He noted that some of his younger teammates had not yet seen the film.

"I think one of these nights we're going to sit down and I'll have a DVD for 'em, ready to go," Judge said with a wide smile.

The film, naturally, remains a strong source of local pride, and Iowa residents were given purchasing priority when the limited amount of public tickets went on sale. The "Field

of Dreams Ghost Players," many of whom were extras in the film, gathered on the movie field in the afternoon in their 1919-style uniforms in honor of Jackson's "Black Sox" team that plays a key part in the plot.

"It's given us a real identity. When you think of Dyersville, it's 'Field of Dreams,' and all the publicity we've been getting lately has just been tremendous for the town and the area," said Jude Milbert, one of the Ghost Players who developed a Globetrotters-style troupe after their involvement in the film by putting on youth clinics, doing comedy routines and traveling around the world as ambassadors of the game. They're all former college or semipro players who live in northeast Iowa.

The Ghost Players and everyone else can get ready for more next year.

"You never mess with a winning streak, but it does feel like all the teams are going to want to touch this. There's going to be hot competition to play this," Costner said.

49ers excited to see Lance live

JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

Coach Kyle Shanahan knows that in the big picture, it won't matter how well Trey Lance plays in his exhibition debut for the San Francisco 49ers.

That doesn't dampen Shanahan's excitement to see his rookie first-round quarterback take the field in a game for the first time Saturday night when the Niners host the Kansas City Chiefs in an exhibition game.

"It's fun to watch quarterbacks go out there for the first time," Shanahan said Thursday. "But I don't get nervous for the person or anything like that. It's fun to watch. I know no one's going to remember how his first preseason game is, but they will the next day. That's all right. I know rookies get some butterflies. It is a big deal for them. But the reality of it is it is an experience for them. I think Trey is going to make the team so he doesn't have to go out there and just freak out about that. But he knows a lot of eyes will be on him."

A lot of eyes have been on Lance ever since the 49ers drafted him in April after trading three first-round picks for the No. 3 selection.

San Francisco is working Lance in gradually behind starter Jimmy Garoppolo but

that we'll all see in the game," he said. "Trey says the right things, he's a pretty good runner, he's pretty competitive. I hope he takes my word for it. Sometimes those guys don't believe how hard people hit until they get a couple of times in the NFL."

The preseason may be more important for Lance because of how little experience he had in college. He started only 17 games at FCS-level North Dakota State and played only one game in a COVID-shortened 2020 season.

His last game with fans in the stadium came more than 19 months ago against James Madison in the FCS title game for the 2019 season.

That only adds to his level of anticipation for the game.

"Excited to go out and compete with this locker room of guys," he said. "Everything's new, so just being able to get used to everything, everything from the hotel the night before the game to pregame warmup. Everything's going to be new, but at the same time football is football."

There have been



Lance

Copies of the application, draft permit, and related documents are available for review. For further information on making public comments, please visit: <https://web.nod.gov/publiccomment/104546>. Comments or requests should be directed to the ND Dept of Env. Quality, Div. of Water Quality, 918 East Divis Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501-1947 or by calling 701.328.5210. All comments received by September 13, 2021 will be considered prior to finalizing the permit. If there is significant interest, a public hearing will be scheduled. Otherwise, the Department will issue the final permit within sixty days of this notice. If you require special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, call TDD at 1.800.366.5988. 8/13 & 20-32654

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND REPEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RELATING TO GRAIN WAREHOUSES AND GRAIN BUYERS, MOSS BARS INDUSTRIAL HEMP AND PESTICIDE

North Dakota Department of Agriculture
will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed changes to the N.D. Administrative Code.

Fort Lincoln Room

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Bismarck Planning & Zoning Commission will hold public hearings on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Tom Baker Meeting Room, City-County Building, 201 North 5th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota, to consider the following items:

• Request of Dan Potter and Wynne and Jennifer Peterson for approval of a zoning change from RR - Residential zoning district to the RR - Residential and RS - Residential zoning districts and a minor subdivision final plat for Potter Ponds Subdivision, a 6-lot subdivision on 742 acres. The property is located in southwest Bismarck between Mills Avenue and Larson Road, along the west side of Larson Lane is (part of Lots 1-4, Block 1, Tract of Lots 1A, 2A and Part of 3A, Mills First Subdivision and the west half of the Larson Lane right-of-way).

• Request of Fairview Cemetery, Verlin and the City of Bismarck for approval of a zoning change from A-Agricultural and MA-Industrial zoning districts to the RT-Residential, MA-Industrial and RA-Public zoning districts and a minor subdivision final plat for Fairview Cemetery Addition, a 4-lot subdivision on 75.2 acres. The property is located in northeast Bismarck, along the south side of East Century Avenue between North 18th Street and Central Road in (part of Auditor's Lot A of the N1/4 of the NW1/4 and Lot 1, Block 1, Revolutionary Addition of the NE1/4 of Section 25, T14N-R10E-W1/2 by Creek Township).

• Request of Brian and Barbara Frink for approval of a major subdivision final plat for Frink Addition, a 3-lot subdivision on 2.5 acres. The property is located in northwest Bismarck, west of North Washington Street, along the north side of Oak Avenue (is part of the East 314 feet of Lot 14, Block 4, KMK Second Subdivision and the north half of the Oak Avenue right-of-way).

• Request of Bismarck Public Schools for approval of a major PUD amendment for Hughes Addition to clarify the current use of the property within the PUD and a special use permit for an electronic message center sign to be located on Lot 1, Block 1, Hughes Addition. The property is located in central Bismarck, along the west side of North Washington Street between Boulevard Avenue and West Boulevard Avenue (806 North Washington Street).

• Request of Grace Point First Evangelical Church for approval of a special use permit for an electronic message center sign to be located on Lot 1, Block 1, First Evangelical First Church, less that portion taken for right-of-way. The property is located in north Bismarck, east of North Washington Street in the southeast quadrant of the intersection of North Washington Street and Ash Cooke Drive (43rd Avenue NE (205 43rd Avenue NE)).

• Request of Bismarck Public Schools for approval of a special use permit for an electronic message center sign to be located on part of Auditor's Lot 1 of the SW 1/4 of Section 17, T14N-R10E-W1/2, Block 3, City Lands. The property is located in south Bismarck, in the northeast corner of the intersection of East Bismarck Expressway and South 12th Street (Meyers Elementary School - 910 South 12th Street).

• Request of Bismarck Public Schools for approval of a special use permit for an electronic message center sign to be located on Blocks 33-54, McKenzie and Colton Addition and Blocks 69-66, Northern Pacific and Addison. The property is located in central Bismarck, between North 7th Street and North 9th Street and between East Avenue C and East Avenue E (Bismarck High School -

Replat. The property is located in central Bismarck, along the east side of South 3rd Street between East Indiana Avenue and East Bismarck Expressway (906 West Main).

At the hearings, the Bismarck Planning & Zoning Commission will provide an opportunity for all interested parties to be heard, will respond to these items. Interested parties may submit written or oral comments regarding these requests no later than 6:00 AM the day of the meeting to the Community Development Department, P.O. Box 5503, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5503, fax: 701.226-0450, or email: planning@bismarcknd.gov. Written comments received after 6:00 AM on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 and those submitted electronically will not be forwarded to the Planning & Zoning Commissioners, or included in the minutes of the meeting. Interested persons may also call 701.355-1840 with questions, for additional information, or to facilitate alternate means to appear at the public hearing without having to appear in person. Descriptions of these requests are on file and may be viewed or copied any working day between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Bismarck Community Development Department, 221 North 5th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Ben Ehrlich, AICP, Community Development Director
For Bismarck Planning & Zoning Commission
Dated this 10th day of August, 2021
8/13 & 20-32678

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Attorneys for Estate
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BURLINGHAM COUNTY, SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Jacqueline Napier, Deceased
Probate No. 08-2021-PR-02001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the date of the last publication of this notice, whichever is later. Claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Keith Lowell Schindler, personal representative of the estate at 3410 Overlook Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503 or filed with the Court. Dated this 2nd day of August, 2021.

Keith Lowell Schindler
Personal Representative
8/6, 13 & 20-32317

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NDHFA will make the additional funds available during the September 30, 2021, application round that is currently open. Applicants should refer to the 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement for the application process and eligibility. Multifamily rental production and rehabilitation projects are found in Section II of the statement.

This amendment and statement will be available to the public for review and comment during the period of August 16, 2021 - September 17, 2021. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., CT, on September 17, 2021. The plan and statement can be found on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, under Project Planning and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Please contact NDHFA prior to the deadline for accommodations or additional information.

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Equal Housing Opportunity
8/13 & 20-32674

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLINGHAM
DISTRICT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON SLENGO, AKIA SHARON

Attorney for the Estate of Sharon Slengo, Akia Sharon Slengo, Deceased
Probate No. 08-2021-PR-02001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the date of the last publication of this notice, whichever is later. Claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Keith Lowell Schindler, personal representative of the estate at 3410 Overlook Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503 or filed with the Court. Dated this 2nd day of August, 2021.

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Personal Representative
8/6, 13 & 20-32317

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF CASS, IN THE DISTRICT COURT, EAST CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
Timothy V. Decker, Unknown Spouse of Timothy V. Decker, any person in possession, and all persons unknown, claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the real estate described in the complaint.
Defendants.

SUMMONS
CIVIL NUMBER: 09-2021-CV-02473

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

1. To the above-mentioned Defendants including all persons unknown, claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the real estate described below and in the complaint.

2. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is herewith served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned a copy of an Answer or other proper response within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service.

3. If you fail to do so, Judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

4. This Summons and Complaint will be filed with the Clerk of this Court.

5. This action relates to the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the following described real property in the County of Cass, State of North Dakota: Lots Two and Three, in Block 'C', of Charles A. Roberts' Addition to the City of Fargo, situated in the County of Cass and the State of North Dakota.

Property Address: 1127 8th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103

6. The Plaintiff is not seeking a personal judgment against the above-named Defendants.

Dated July 6, 2021
/s/ Scott S. Steen

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(Aug. 11, 18 & 25, 2021) 2899892

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. at Horace City Hall, 215 Park Drive East, concerning a conditional use permit application for contractor shopyard at 8525 100th Avenue South, Horace, ND, which is in the C-3 (General Commercial) zoning district.

A copy of the Application for Conditional Use Permit is available upon request from Danielle Voigt, Community Development Director.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HORACE, NORTH DAKOTA
Kory Peterson, Mayor
(Aug. 18 & 25, 2021) 2899559

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, EAST CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, PROBATE DIVISION, COUNTY OF CASS
Court File No. 09-2021-PR-03228
In the Matter of the Estate of Wayne D. Ehlstrom, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Christopher Ehlstrom, Co-Personal Representative of the Estate, at 921 Prairie Circle, Evans GA 30809, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2021.
/s/ Chris Ehlstrom
Christopher Ehlstrom
921 Prairie Circle
Evans, GA 30809
507 11th Street South, #114
Fargo, ND 58103

Dated this 28th day of July, 2021.
/s/ Karl Flom
Karl Flom
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Attorneys for Personal Representative

Probate No. 09-2021-PR-02443
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of Joan Mavis Setterlund, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Stefansson Law, as attorneys for the personal representative of the estate, at 403 Center Avenue, Suite 302, P.O. Box 1287, Moonbeam, Minnesota, 55851 or filed with the Court.

Dated this 10th day of July, 2021,
/s/ Jennifer J. Anderson
Jennifer Joan Setterlund Anderson, Personal Representative
1733 13th St S
Fargo, ND 58103
(Aug. 18 & 25; Sept. 1, 2021) 2899996

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
Court File No. 09-2021-PR-00244
In the Matter of the Estate of News Salterino, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Barbara Mayo, as personal representative of the estate, at 1320 3rd Street S.E., Fargo, ND 58103 and Scott W. Salterino, 28th Avenue NE, Fargo, ND 58102 as personal representatives of the estate, or filed with the Court.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of James R. Tandek, Deceased.

Probate No. 09-2021-PR-00290
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Robert Tandek, 4202 31st Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota 58104, personal representative of the estate, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2021.
/s/ Robert Tandek
Robert Tandek
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Personal Representative of the Estate of James R. Tandek
Attest: Karl Flom, Notary Public
Karl Flom, Notary Public
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(Aug. 18 & 25; Sept. 1, 2021) 2900163

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
Court File No. 09-2021-PR-00245
In the Matter of the Estate of Constance E. Niening, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Christopher Ehlstrom, Co-Personal Representative of the Estate, at 921 Prairie Circle, Evans GA 30809, or filed with the Court.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation to Bid
Sealed Bids for the Parks & Recreation Restroom Renovations, Jamestown, North Dakota, will be received until 2:00 P.M. local time, Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Bids must be delivered before the time and date indicated above to the Parks and Recreation office, 1002 2nd Avenue SE, Jamestown, ND 58401, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids will be received for all work, per the requirements of the "Instructions to Bidders".

All Bids shall be in accordance with Bidding Documents prepared by: RHET Architecture

1711 11th Street N, Fargo, ND 58102
(701) 715-8533

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations until Bid opening time:

North Dakota: Builder's Exchange in Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck, Bismarck, ND

PDF/Digital Bidding Documents may be obtained from Architect, per the Instructions to Bidders, or changed for one set. Addenda will be submitted to those receiving full set of Bidding Documents.

Per North Dakota Bidding Requirements, Bids shall be received with 2 separate envelopes.

In the immediate marked "Bid Bond" include a Bidder's Security Bond in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the full amount of the Bid, executed by a surety company licensed to do business in North Dakota; the bond shall be for the highest amount of the Bidder's total bid consideration including add alternates. A copy of the Contractor's license listed below, shall be included also into the Bid Bond envelope. Attach Bid Bond envelopes to the Bid Proposal envelope. In the envelope marked "Bid Proposal" each prime contractor shall submit 2 copies of the Bid form (enclosed in Bidding Documents). Refer to the Instructions to Bidders for specific bid submission instructions. Bids submitted that do not follow the bidding requirements will be returned unopened.

Bid requirements: A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety, conditioned that if the principal bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten days after notice of the award, shall execute a contract, or accept and return the award letter, in accordance with the terms of the bid, the bid bond, and any condition of the governing body. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within the time allowed, the bidder's bond shall be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder. Certified checks, money orders, personal checks, cash, or other forms of payment not accepted. License requirements: Each Bidder shall hold a current and valid North Dakota Contractor's License and a proper class for the full amount of the bid, issued by the Secretary of State as required by North Dakota Law Sections 43-07-12, and shall enclose a copy of the license or certificate of renewal of the license in the same envelope as the Bidder's Security Bond. A Contractor shall be the holder of a license at least ten days prior to the date set for receiving Bids to be a qualified Bidder.

No Bids will be read or considered which do not fully comply with North Dakota bond and license requirements.

Bid security shall be made payable to Jamestown Parks and Recreation, Jamestown, North Dakota. Bid security of two lowest Bidders will be retained until Contract has been awarded and executed, but no longer than 30 days.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive irregularities therein.

FOR THE OWNER: Jamestown Parks and Recreation, Jamestown, North Dakota
BY: Mr. Doug Hogan, Director
(Aug. 18 & 25; Sept. 1, 2021) 2900261

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT, CASS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, acting as the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, Plaintiff,

vs.
Nizama Ibrahim, a single person; and any other person in possession, Defendants.

Civil No. 09-2019-CV-02868
NOTICE OF CREATION SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a judgment and decree of foreclosure rendered and given in the District Court in and for the County of Cass, North Dakota, East Central Judicial District, entered and docketed in the Office of the Clerk of said Court on March 23, 2020, in an action wherein The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, acting in its capacity as the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, was Plaintiff and Nizama Ibrahim, a single person; and any other person in possession, were parties.

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Special Assistant Attorney General for the Industrial Commission of North Dakota acting as the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency
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(Aug. 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2021) 2900322

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NDHFA will make the additional funds available during the September 30, 2021, application round that is currently open for the 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement for the application process and eligibility. Multifamily rental production and rehabilitation criteria is found in Section III of the statement.

The amendment and statement will be available to the public for review and comment during the period of August 18, 2021 - September 17, 2021. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. CT on September 17, 2021. The plan and statement can be found on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, under Project Planning and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Please contact NDHFA prior to the deadline for accommodations or additional information.

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For a public hearing opportunity
(Aug. 18, 2021) 2900333

INVITATION NO. IFB 21-19 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
IFB 21-19 GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
IFB 21-21 COMBINED CONSTRUCTION
CONSTRUCTION

ACCESS CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS
RUB Complex
Bismarck, North Dakota
Sealed bids for Access Control Improvements, RUB Complex, Bismarck, North Dakota will be received until 2:00 P.M. local time, Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Bids will be read that date and hour in the location designated. All bids received after the scheduled opening time will be gate entrance to the bidders unopened. The deadline for receipt of technical questions is no later than September 2, 2021.

Technical questions and documents may be requested. Emails must be accompanied by a copy of your current valid North Dakota Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal and your request must be written on business letterhead. No requests will be gate entrance to the bidders receipt of both documents. Requests for bidding documents must be submitted to:

ng.nd.ndmng.isd.de-contract-management@isd.mt.mt
Due to COVID 19, the bid opening will not be open to the public. The bid will be opened to the bidders at the State of North Dakota Building 30, Bismarck, North Dakota, until 2:00 P.M. local time, Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Bidders may hand deliver their bids during the time Office of Delivery by courier service or U.S. Mail are the preferred methods of delivery.

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of the bidder's highest total bid combination, including all add alternates to the bid items, conditioned that the bid is accepted and the contract awarded, the bidder within ten (10) days after notice of such award, will effect and execute a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and provide payment and performance bonds as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the Owner, AIA Document A310, Bid Bond, is provided in the electronic project manual and should be used to execute the bid combination in accordance with Section 43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, each contractor submitting a bid must have a copy of their North Dakota Contractor's License or certificate of renewal issued by the Secretary of State enclosed in the bid bond envelope must be enclosed in the highest amount of their total bid combination including add alternates, and such license must have been in effect at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the bid opening.

No bid will be read or considered which does not comply with the provisions herein as to bid bond and contractor license, and any deficient bid submitted will be rejected and returned to the bidder immediately.

The Owner reserves the right to hold all legitimate bids for a period of thirty (30) days following the date fixed for the opening of bids. It is the intent of the Owner to award a contract to the lowest and best bidder. The Owner further reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities, and shall incur no legal liability for the State for the payment of any monies until the contract is awarded and approved by the proper authorities.

In compliance with Section 43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, the successful bidder shall be required to furnish payment and performance bonds covering the full amount of the contract award and the payment of all obligations thereunder, and all additional obligations required by the State of North Dakota. Each bond shall be in an amount equal to the full contract award amount.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2021
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
Bismarck, North Dakota
BY: JACQUE A. HUBER
Brigadier General, NDNG
Deputy Adjutant General
Contracting Officer
(Aug. 18 & 25, Sept. 1, 2021) 2900340

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Attorney for Personal Representative

Court File No. 09-2021-PR-00249
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of Juneal Elaine Wylie, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the attorney listed above, to Lisa Marie Arzt and/or Laurie Ann Beach, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate at 1708 - 1st Street North, Fargo, North Dakota 58102, and/or 2809 - 34th Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota 58104, respectively, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 11th day of August, 2021.
/s/ Lisa Marie Arzt
Lisa Marie Arzt
1708 - 1st Street North
Fargo, North Dakota 58102
/s/ Laurie Ann Beach
Laurie Ann Beach
2809 - 34th Avenue South
Fargo, North Dakota 58104
Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Juneal Elaine Wylie, Deceased
(Aug. 18 & 25; Sept. 1, 2021) 2900345

REGULAR MEETING OF CASS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 2, 2021

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
The County Board of Commissioners called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM with all members present as follows: Rick Steen, Duane Breifling, Jim Kapitan, and Olaf Schermer. In person, and Chad M. Peterson via Microsoft Teams.

Chairman Peterson yielded the gavel to Olaf Schermer for the remainder of the meeting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Taylor Abbott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES APPROVED
MOTION PASSED
Mrs. Schermer moved and Mr. Breifling seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

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received from Tecton Products LLC for a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) project located at 4401 15th Avenue Northwest, to expand their current facility.

Jim Gilmour, Fargo Director of Strategic Planning and Research was present and said the application has for a 10-year exemption at 100% for years one through five with incremental reductions in percentages for years five through ten. Tecton will pay full property taxes on the existing structure during the 10-year period. Mr. Gilmour said a similar application was submitted by Tecton and approved by all required entities in April of 2021 for a 100,000 square foot expansion to their existing facility. He said the current application is for an additional 50,000 square foot expansion for a total of 150,000 square feet. Mr. Gilmour said the application was approved by the City of Fargo and West Fargo School District.

Ryan Aashem, Chief Business Development Officer at the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation (GFMEDC) was present and said Tecton has another large facility in Virginia that they have the option to expand at, and the GFMEDC wants to keep them expanding in the area. Aashem said with the large expansion, Tecton will be paying property taxes equal to what they are paying now in year eight of the PILOT program.

Tom Gohdes, Senior Director of Operations for Tecton, said Tecton has seen an unbelievable amount of growth in the past few years and after the first PILOT was approved in 2017, Tecton in 1992 the land value was \$200,000, in 1993 it was \$500,000 and now is \$3.2 million and paying full property taxes. He said these increased values show the value of investment in Fargo program.

MOTION PASSED
Mr. Kapitan moved and Mr. Breifling seconded to participate in a request for a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) in the City of Fargo submitted by Tecton Products LLC to construct a manufacturing facility expansion, consisting of a ten-year period. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

WORK CHAMBER IGITE BUGGET REQUEST, APPROVED
Shannon Full, Chamber President and Mason Redeker, Chamber Vice President of Workforce and Talent were present to discuss the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber and program budget for 2022. The budget request for \$100,000. Ms. Full said the Chamber is a comprehensive, streamlined, and systematic approach to addressing workforce and talent needs immediately and in the future.

Mr. Rademacher discussed the key components of talent sourced technology platform and the strategic relationship development strategy. The technology features more than 100,000 resumes, cards, "day in the life" videos, virtual job fairs, online courses, and other educational opportunities. The relationship development strategy includes a Workforce Advisory Council, Industry-Based Advisory Groups, and Student Engagement Groups.

Mr. Peterson asked Ms. Full to break down the costs of the initiative and what entities will be contributing. Ms. Full said the initiative will cost \$750,000 per year; the annual license and subscription costs for unlimited users is \$300,000. The cost for advertising costs and awareness, and the rest of the funds will go to capacity building including staff dedicated to implementation of the program. She said the Chamber has a letter of intent from the Fargo, West Fargo, and Moorhead Public Schools, North Dakota State University (NDSU), North Dakota State College of Science (NDSOS), Concordia College, and St. Mary's University. Moorhead (MSU), and Minnesota State and Community College (MState) to contribute \$200,000 each, and the request \$200,000 from the City of Moorhead, and \$100,000 from City County. Ms. Full said the Cities of Fargo and West Fargo will contribute \$100,000 annually to the Fusing Our Future program and Fusing Our Future has committed \$300,000 to ignite over the next three years.

Mr. Peterson suggested using the Metropolitan Council's Government formula and if the formula was used for all entities, Cass County's portion would be close to \$100,000. He said the only difference is that Fargo, West Fargo, and other cities are not contributing.

Mr. Steen asked if the website will track and create data reports that will be available to stakeholders. Ms. Full said the system has a robust tracking system and stakeholders will get reports twice a year or as they request.

Mrs. Schermer asked if the website will track and create data reports that will be available to stakeholders. Ms. Full said the system has a robust tracking system and stakeholders will get reports twice a year or as they request.



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SFN 52645 (07/18)

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INVITATION NO. IFB 21-18
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION
INVITATION TO BID
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS
Bldg. 5000, CSMS,
Camp Gilbert, Grafton
Devils Lake, North Dakota

Sealed bids for Building Improvements, Bldg. 5000, CSMS, Camp Gilbert, Grafton, Devils Lake, North Dakota will be received by the Adjutant General of the State of North Dakota at Frane Barracks, Building 30, Bemarck, North Dakota, until 2:00 P.M. August 26, 2021, and will be publicly read that date and hour in the presence of the State of North Dakota. All bids received after the scheduled opening time will be returned to the bidders unopened. The deadline for receipt of technical questions is no later than August 19, 2021.

Electronic bidding documents may be requested. E-mails must be accompanied by a copy of your current North Dakota Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal and your request must be written on business letterhead. No requests will be acknowledged without receipt of both documents. Requests for bidding documents must be submitted to: ng.nd.ndingr.ltd-contract-management@mail.mil.

Due to COVID 19, the bid opening will not be open to the public. The front gate entrance to Frane Barracks is closed to the general public. A representative from the Facilities Engineering Division will be at the gate from 12:00 Noon until 1:30 p.m. CST on August 26, 2021. Bidders may hand deliver their bids during that time ONLY. Delivery by courier service or U.S. Mail are the preferred methods for delivery.

Modifications to bids are allowed in accordance with the instructions in AGND Document 411. Subparagraph 4.4.2. All bid modifications must be received by the Contract Management Office no later than 2:00 p.m. CST. Be advised, the receipt of emails and faxed transmissions have a delay time due to data security restrictions and military firewalls. Allow adequate time for emails and faxed transmissions to travel through our security system. The OWNER is not responsible for bid modifications received by the Contract Management Office later than 2:00 p.m. CST on the day of the bid opening. Modifications to bids must be emailed to: ng.nd.ndingr.ltd-contract-management@mail.mil.

To listen to the bid opening, you may dial in: 701-333-2940
ID No. 320698
Pin No. 320698

A single bid will be received for Total Construction work (IFB 21-18).

OWNER
Office of the Adjutant General
Contract Management Branch
P.O. Box 5511
Bemarck, North Dakota
58006-5511
Telephone: (701) 333-2908

Copies of the bidding documents are on file at the Construction Plans Exchange in Bemarck, Builders Exchange in Dickinson, Builders Exchange in Mandan, Minn., Rapid City Impact Procurement Technical Assistance Center in Fargo, North Dakota and Minnesota Builders Exchange in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Each bid shall be submitted in duplicate using the bid response forms provided by the Owner, enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope and labeled with the necessary information as required by the Supplementary Instructions to Bidders. Each bid shall be accompanied by a separate sealed opaque envelope containing a bidder's bond made payable to The Adjutant General, State of North Dakota, and executed by the bidder as principle and by a surety company authorized to conduct business in North Dakota, in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the bidder's highest total bid combination, including all add alternates to the bid items, conditioned that if the bid is accepted and the contract awarded, the bidder within ten (10) days after notice of such award, will effect and execute a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and provide payment and performance bonds as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the Owner. AIA Document A310, Bid Bond, is provided in the electronic project manual and should be used to execute the bid guarantee.

In compliance with Section 43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, each contractor submitting a bid must have a copy of their North Dakota Contractor's License or certificate of renewal issued by the Secretary of State enclosed in the bid bond envelope; must be licensed for the highest amount of their total bid combination including add alternates; and such license must have been in effect at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the bid opening. No bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the provisions herein as to bid bond and contractor license, and any deficient bid submitted will be resubmitted and returned to the bidder immediately. The Owner reserves the right to hold all legitimate bids for a period of forty-five (45) days following the date fixed for the bid opening. It is the intent of the Owner to award a contract to the lowest and best bidder. The Owner further reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to

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INVITATION NO. IFB 21-19
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
IFB 21-20 ELECTRICAL
CONSTRUCTION
IFB 21-21 TOTAL COMBINED
CONSTRUCTION

Bismarck, North Dakota
Sealed bids for Access Control Improvements, RLB Complex, Bemarck, North Dakota will be received by the Adjutant General of the State of North Dakota at Frane Barracks, Building 30, Bemarck, North Dakota, until 2:00 P.M. September 9, 2021, and will be publicly read that date and hour in the local media. All bids received after the scheduled opening time will be returned to the bidders unopened. The deadline for receipt of technical questions is no later than September 2, 2021.

Electronic bidding documents may be requested. E-mails must be accompanied by a copy of your current North Dakota Contractor's License or Certificate of Renewal and your request must be written on business letterhead. No requests will be acknowledged without receipt of both documents. Requests for bidding documents must be submitted to: ng.nd.ndingr.ltd-contract-management@mail.mil.

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ID No. 320698
Pin No. 320698

Bidders may submit separate bids for General Construction work (IFB 21-19), and/or Electrical Construction work (IFB 21-20). In addition, the Office of the Adjutant General will allow the submission of a Total Combined Construction Bid (single prime) for the complete project (IFB 21-21). In compliance with N.D.C.C. 40-01-20-06, the combined bid from a single prime will not be accepted unless that bid is lower than the combined total of the lowest responsible, multiple bids for the project.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
GRAND FORKS COUNTY, STATE
OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Scott Andrew Lima, deceased.
Court File No. 18-2021-PH-00017

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against the Decedent are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Margaret Lima, Personal Representative of the Estate, or Severson, Wogsland & Liebl PC, 4827 44th Ave S., Ste. 106, Fargo, ND 58104, or filed with the Court.

As Margaret Lima
Personal Representative
(Aug. 11, 18 & 25, 2021) 2899021

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Probate No. 18-2021-PH-00081
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
GRAND FORKS COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Donald E. Savage aka Donald Savage, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the Estate of Donald E. Savage aka Donald Savage, at Olso Juntunen, Sandberg & Boettner, P.O. Box 5788, Grand Forks, ND 58206-5788 or filed with the Court. Dated this 24th day of June, 2021.

Alanus Financial, N.A.
for Claire Harland, Its Trust Officer
by Claire Harland, Its Trust Officer
Kirk Tanguin (ND03694)

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(Aug. 11, 18 & 25, 2021) 2899319

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND CLAIMANTS REGARDING
DISSOLUTION
OF THE HIGHLANDER, INC.**

1. The Highlander, Inc. whose principal executive office is 1448 South Washington Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201 is in the process of dissolving.

2. The Highlander, Inc. has filed a Notice of Intent to Dissolve the Corporation with the North Dakota Secretary of State.

3. The date of filing of the Notice of Intent to Dissolve the Corporation was filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State was August 10, 2021.

4. Any claims which a creditor or claimant may have against the Highlander Inc. should be made in writing and presented to attorney Douglas A. Christensen whose address is 24 North Fourth Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201, the date all claims must be received by said attorney is November 17, 2021.

Douglas A. Christensen
North Dakota License #09291
Pearson Christensen, PLLP
24 North Fourth Street
Grand Forks, ND 58206
Telephone: (701) 775-0521
Fax: (701) 775-0524
(Aug. 18, 25; Sept. 1 & 8, 2021)
2800330

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CARES ACT FUNDING (CDBG-CV)

The North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services, is announcing its proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan of the State's Consolidated Plan which serves as the grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME, National Housing Trust Fund and the Emergency Solutions Grant programs.

This Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program addresses the Community Development Block Grant CARES Act funding (CDBG-CV). The amendment is a stand-alone document and serves to provide notice to the public of the distribution of dollar amounts and spending restriction on the use of the CDBG-CV funds.

The proposed Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan will be available on the Division of Community Services website, <https://www.communityservices.nd.gov/communitydevelopment/Programs/CommunityDevelopment/BlockGrant/> beginning August 16, 2021 through August 20, 2021. Written comments must be received by the close of business August 20, 2021.

Alternate formats of the Action Plan are available upon request at 701-333-2900 or via Relay North Dakota: TTY 1-800-368-6288, Voice 1-800-368-8889, or Spanish 1-800-435-8560. Should anyone need additional information, please contact Bonnie Melo at 701-328-5300.

Written comments should be sent to North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services, 600 North Main Street, Bemarck, ND 58002-2057 or email.dcs@nd.gov (Aug. 18, 2021) 2800635

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA 2021 HOME INVESTMENT PLAN DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT AND 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROPOSED AMENDMENT

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) is seeking input on an amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan and a revision of the 2021 HOME Investment Plan. NDHFA is seeking input on the proposed amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan and a revision of the 2021 HOME Investment Plan. The purpose of the amendment is to allocate 2016-2021 HOME project funds for multifamily rental production and rehabilitation. HOME funds previously available were \$1,475,160. Under the amendment, the available funds will be increased to \$5,526,962. The proposed increase reflects NDHFA's goal to commit all of the program's available project funds. The uncommitted funds from prior years are from a Community Action Agency set aside and unused rental production and rehabilitation funds.

NDHFA will make the additional funds available during the September 30, 2021, application round that is currently open. Applicants should refer to the 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement for the application process and eligibility. Multifamily rental production and rehabilitation criteria is found in Section 11 of the statement.

The amendment and statement will be available to the public for review and comment during the period of August 16, 2021 - September 17, 2021. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. CT on September 17, 2021. The plan and statement can be found on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, under Project Financing and HOME Investment Plan Distribution Statement. Please contact NDHFA prior to the deadline for accommodations or additional information.

NDHFA Contact: Jennifer Henderson, Director, Planning and Housing Development Division
P.O. Box 1535
Bemarck, ND 58002
(800) 282-8621
(800) 368-8889 (TTY)
(800) 435-8560 (Spanish)
JHend@nd.gov
Equal Housing Opportunity
(Aug. 18, 2021) 2800333

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposal
Architectural and Engineering Services
Grand Forks Public Schools request statements of proposals for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) services for design of potential projects related to a possible career and technology center and related facilities. The selected firm shall be considered for continuation of the work including design development, contract documents and contract administration.

To receive the Request for Proposal (RFP) submit instructions, please contact the Director of Buildings and Grounds by either of the following methods:
Mail:
Director of Buildings and Grounds
Grand Forks Public Schools
2400 47th Ave South
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201
Telephone: 701.745.2220
E-mail:
carroll0701@myfchools.org

The Request for Proposal instructions regarding the content of the Request for Proposal submit instructions can be directed to the Director of Buildings and Grounds, Chris Arnold (701.745.2220). Seven (7) copies of the completed response must be received no later than 9:00 A.M., CST, Thursday, August 19th, 2021, at the office of the Director of Buildings and Grounds (Aug. 4, 11 & 18, 2021) 2898555

Request for Proposal
Sale of West Elementary School Site Address: 615 N. 25th St. Grand Forks, ND 58203
Grand Forks Public School District is requesting proposals for the purchase of West Elementary School. Respondents shall include the following information in their sealed bids:

1. Name and Address of the respondent
2. Name, address, title, and phone number of the contact person(s)
3. Proposed use for the property
4. Timeline for respondent's proposal
5. Provide examples (3 or more) of similar projects completed in the last 5 years.

Purchase price
A site visit will occur on August 31st at 10 AM CST. Respondents are required to attend this visit to respond to this request for proposal. To receive additional information about this proposal, please contact the Business Manager by either of the following methods:

Mail:
Business Manager
Grand Forks Public Schools
2400 47th Ave. So.
Grand Forks, North Dakota
58201
Telephone:
701.745.2205 EXT 7126
E-mail:
shange161@myfchools.org

Nine (9) copies of the completed response must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. CST, Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at the office of the Business Manager.
(Aug. 18 & 25; Sept. 1, 2021) 2898942

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF GRAND FORKS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF**

Kristi Lee Turano
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition in the above-entitled matter will be filed with the Clerk of District Court for Grand Forks County, North Dakota, requesting an Order changing the name of Kristi Lee Turano to Kristi Lee Widman Pursuant to N.D.C.C. 32-28-02. Thirty days previous notice of this intended application must be given in the official newspaper printed in this county. You are hereby notified that thirty days after publication, petitioners intend to file a petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the name of Kristi Lee Turano to Kristi Lee Widman. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing and a hearing held before the Court on the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Clerk of District Court. If no objections are filed, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing. Dated: 8th day of August, 2021.
(800) 435-8560 (Spanish)
3012 Meadow Brook Ct.
Grand Forks, ND 58201
(Aug. 18, 2021) 2899910

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Susan E. Johnson-Drenth (05387)
JD Legal Planning PLLC
302 26th Street S., Suite 2
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Attorney for Personal Representative

Court File No. 18-2021-PH-00108
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
GRAND FORKS COUNTY, STATE
OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the Matter of the Estate of Gary L. Knapp, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication or mailing of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Catholic Charities North Dakota, Attn: Shannon Henderson, 3201 Broadway Boulevard, Suite B, Fargo, North Dakota 58104, as personal representative of the estate, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2021.
CATHOLIC CHARITIES
NORTH DAKOTA,
Personal Representative
By: Shannon Henderson
Shannon Henderson,
Director of Guardianship Services
for the Vulnerable
(Aug. 11, 18 & 25, 2021) 2899571

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF DICKINSON
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DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA
Owner: City of Dickinson

Sealed proposals for Construction of the Dickinson Town Square will be received by Brian D. Wittingham, City Administrator, 89 2nd Street East, Dickinson, ND 58001, until 3:00 PM local time on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, when bids will be opened and read aloud.

The Information to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Form of Performance-Payment Bond, Drawings, Specifications, addenda, and other contract documents as prepared by JLG Architects may be examined at the following places: The Office of JLG Architects, Bismarck, North Dakota, the Builders Exchanges in Fargo-Moorhead, Grand Forks, Bismarck-Mandan, Bismarck, Minot, and Dickinson, North Dakota, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota; Rapid City, South Dakota; Billings, Montana; Construction Connect and McGraw Hill/WDodge.

Bid Documents are available for viewing at the offices of JLG Architects, Bismarck, ND. Digital copies are available upon request made to Zach Mathew at zmathew@jlgarchitects.com. Physical copies can be printed at the bidders expense from the following print shops: Farns Photographics, 1001 East Interstate Ave #1 Bismarck, ND 58503 or Quality Quick Print, 37 1st Ave W, Dickinson, ND 58601. Each bid must be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid security. The bid security must be in a sum equal to five percent of the bid amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and be surety conditioned that if the principal bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten days after notice of award, shall execute a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid, the bid bond, and any conditions of the governing body. Bids shall comply with North Dakota Century Code Chapter 16-02 as amended. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within the time allowed, the bidder's bond shall be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder. No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Bid Bond of the three lowest Bidders for each contract will be retained until the contract has been awarded and executed, but no longer than sixty (60) days after the date of the Bid.

All Bidders shall hold a valid North Dakota Contractor's license of the proper class for the full amount of the bid as required by North Dakota Law Sections 54-07-05 and 54-07-12 and shall enclose a copy of the license or Certificate of Renewal of the license in the same envelope as the Bidder's Bond. A Contractor shall be the holder of a license at least ten days prior to the date set for receiving Bids to be a qualified Bidder.

No bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above requirements as to bond and licenses, and any bid submitted without the bond and licenses shall be rejected and returned to the bidder immediately. Bids shall be in accordance with and submitted on the Bid form supplied within the Bid Documents. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the Bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formalities herein and reject the project until a satisfactory bid is received.

Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Dickinson City Hall, 89 2nd St E Dickinson, ND 58001 on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 10:00 AM Mountain Standard Time. A virtual conference connection option will be provided to plan holders in Addendum 1.

Aug. 11, & 25, 2021) 2899272
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Probate No. 45-2021-PR-00053
Attorney for Personal Representative

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
STARK COUNTY, STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Kevin James Hatzebuehler, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Michael Hatzebuehler, Personal Representative of the estate, at HAYNES MELBYE LAW OFFICE, PLLC, P.O. Box 1136, Dickinson, North Dakota 58602-1136, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2021.
Michael Hatzebuehler
Michael Hatzebuehler
Personal Representative of the Estate of Kevin James Hatzebuehler
(Aug. 11, 18 & 25, 2021) 2899583

IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF STARK
IN THE DISTRICT COURT,
SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICTSpecialized Loan Servicing, LLC,
Plaintiff,

Samantha L. Bluth aka Samantha Bluth, Matthew R. Friemond aka Matthew Friemond, any person in possession, and all persons unknown, claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the real estate described in the complaint.

Defendants.

CIVIL NUMBER 45-2021-CV-00020

1. The above-mentioned Defendants including all persons unknown, claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the real estate described below and in the complaint.

2. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the Complaint in this action, which is heretofore served upon you, by serving upon the undersigned a copy of an Answer or other proper pleading in writing, within 21 days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service.

3. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

4. This Summons and accompanying Complaint will be filed with the Clerk of the Court and a return of this action relates to the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the following described real property in the County of Stark, State of North Dakota:

TRACT 1: A Tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 140 North, Range 96 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Stark County, North Dakota, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 14; thence on an azimuth of 149°49'22" a distance of 14.25 feet to the South quarter corner of said Section 14; thence on an azimuth of 358°33'22" a distance of 342.75 feet; thence on an azimuth of 102°49'22" parallel with the said South Line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 639.35 feet; thence on an azimuth of 180°00'00" a distance of 342.67 feet to said South line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14; thence on an azimuth of 269°49'22" along the said South line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14 a distance of 631.22 feet to the point of beginning.

Plaintiff is not seeking a personal judgment against the above-named Defendants.

Date: December 7, 2020
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(Aug. 18 & 25, Sept. 1, 2021)
2900507

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CARES ACT FUNDING (CDBG-CV)

The North Dakota Department of Community Services, Division of Community Services, is announcing its proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan of the State's Consolidated Plan which serves as the grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME, National Housing Trust Fund and the Emergency Shelter Grant programs.

The substantial amendment to the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program addresses the Community Development Block Grant Cares Act funding (CDBG-CV). The amendment is a stand-alone document and serves to provide notice to the public of the distribution of dollar amounts and spending restrictions on the use of the CDBG-CV funds.

The proposed Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan will be available on the Division of Community Services website, <https://www.communityservices.nd.gov/communitydevelopment/Programs/CommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant> beginning August 16, 2021, through August 20, 2021. Written comments must be received by the close of business August 20, 2021.

Alternate formats of the Action Plan are available upon request at 701-328-5300 or via Relay North Dakota: TTY 1-800-366-6888, Voice 1-800-366-6888, or Spanish 1-800-435-0599. Should anyone need additional information, please contact Bonnie Malo at 701-328-5300.

Written comments should be sent to: North Dakota Department of Community Services, Division of Community Services, Bismarck, ND 58602-2057 or Email: ds@nd.gov

(Aug. 18, 2021) 2900633

FEDERAL / STATE NOTICE OF
PROPOSED MERGER

Notice is hereby given that American Bank Group, Dickinson, North Dakota has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the North Dakota Banking Board for written consent to merge with The Citizens State Bank of Finley, Finley, North Dakota. It is contemplated that all offices of American Bank Group and The Citizens State Bank of Finley will initially be operated as American Bank Center. Additionally, American Bank Group has received approval to change its name to Brava Bank, effective October 29, 2021.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office at 1100 Walnut St., Suite 2100, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. Comments by interested parties must be received by not later than September 19, 2021. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office of the FDIC and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application will be made available upon request.

You are further notified that Section 13-02-13-03, North Dakota Administrative Code, provides that any bank or party may submit to the ND State Banking Board written comments concerning the application of a written request for an opportunity to be heard before the board, or both. Comments must be mailed to or received by the State Banking Board, Department of Financial Institutions, 1200 Main Street, Bismarck, ND 58504 not later than September 19, 2021. You may also submit a copy of the application at the above address, or by email to ndba@nd.gov.

You are also advised that per Section 13-02-13-04, North Dakota Administrative Code, the State Banking Board shall examine and consider all relevant factors including: 1) whether any party has been given notice to all shareholders; 2) whether at least two-thirds of the shareholders have ratified the plan of reorganization or merger; 3) whether the resultant bank has adequate capital; 4) whether the needs of the community to be served will still be met; and 5) the adequacy and competence of management.

Eids Barry LLP, Bismarck, ND (Aug. 18 & 25, Sept. 1, 2021) 2900550

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
STARK COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
PLEASE NOTE LOCATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Thursday September 2, 2021 at the Stark County Planning and Zoning Commission's meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the Dakota Room at the Stark County Family and Resource Center, located at 26801 Empire Road, Room C in Dickinson, North Dakota. At said time, parties will be heard concerning proposed amendments to the Stark County Zoning Ordinance adopted October 2, 2012 and a request for approval of conditional use.

1. Public Hearing for RZ 03-21 Dakota Plains, LLC is requesting a rezoning application to industrial on a parcel located in the N 9 of the N 19 of the SE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 135 Range 97 containing approximately 30.10 acres.

2. Public Hearing for RZ 04-21 Trent Landis and Maxon Eberts are requesting a rezoning from Agriculture to Rural Residential on a parcel located in the NE of Section 27, Township 140, Range 97 containing approximately 6.15 acres.

Those wishing to join the public hearing remotely should call 701-227-7450 and enter 1415636 when prompted.

Said request is available for public inspection at www.starkcountynodak.gov and go go as well as at the County Auditor's Office during normal business hours. (Public Hearing 18th and August 25th 2021)

Note: Stark County North Dakota will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide:

- an accessible meeting facility;
- other accommodation for people with disabilities;
- language assistance for people with limited English proficiency (LEP); and
- other forms of written material necessary to access Stark County programs and information.

Appropriate provisions will be considered when Stark County is notified at least 10 days prior to the meeting date or the date the written material is needed.

To request accommodations please email: Nancy.Hulsting@starkcountynodak.gov or call 701-458-7696 or if in ND 701-328-5300. Should anyone

need additional information, please contact Bonnie Malo at 701-328-5300. (Aug. 18 & 25, 2021) 2900662

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA 2021
HOME PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT AND 2021
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) is seeking input on an amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan and a revision of the 2021 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Distribution Statement.

The purpose of the amendment is to allocate 2016-2020 HOME project funds for multifamily rental production and rehabilitation. HOME funds previously available were \$1,475,160. Under the amendment, the available funds will be increased to \$5,526,962. The proposed increase reflects NDHFA's goal to commit to the program's available project funds. The uncommitted funds from prior years are from a Community Action Agency set aside and unused rental production and rehabilitation funds. NDHFA will make the additional funds available during the September 30, 2021, application round that is currently open. Applicants should be aware that the 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement for the application process and eligibility. Multifamily rental production and rehabilitation criteria is found in Section III of the statement.

The amendment and statement will be available to the public for review and comment during the period of August 18, 2021 - September 17, 2021. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., CT, on September 17, 2021. The plan and statement may be found on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, under Project Financing and HOME Investment Partnerships. Please contact NDHFA prior to the deadline for accommodations or additional information.

NDHFA Contact: Jennifer Henderson, Director, Planning and Housing Development Division, PO Box 1535, Bismarck, ND 58502 (800) 292-6611 (800) 366-6888 (TTY) (800) 435-6500 (Spanish) (800) 435-6500 (Spanish) Equal Housing Opportunity (Aug. 18, 2021) 2900333

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Attorneys for: Personal Representative

Probate No. 45-2021-PR-00990
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF STARK
SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of Amy Geggan, aka Amy Geggan, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Cynthia Lesler, Personal Representative of the Estate, at 150 West Vilard, Dickinson, North Dakota, or filed with the Court.

Dakota Community Bank & Trust
Dated this 13th day of August, 2021.

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Attorneys for Personal Representative

First Publication on the 18th day of August, 2021.
(Aug. 18 & 25, Sept. 1, 2021) 2900734

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS
C.A. CONTRACTING, INC.

1. Notice is hereby given that C.A. Contracting, Inc. ("Corporation") is in the process of dissolving.

On the 23rd day of July, 2021, the Corporation filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State a Notice of Intent to Dissolve.

All written claims against the Corporation must be presented to the Corporation at Mackoff Kellogg Law Firm, Attn: Olivia Krebs, 38 2nd Ave E, Suite A, Dickinson, ND 58601.

All claims must be received by the Corporation at the address set forth above on or before the later of (a) the 31st day of November, 2021, which is ninety (90) days after published notice, or (b) if this notice was given to you by the Corporation, ninety (90) days after the date on which this written notice was given to you.

A creditor or claimant who fails to file a claim according to the procedures set forth in this notice on or before the date set forth herein is barred from suing on the claim or otherwise realizing upon it or enforcing it, except as provided in section 10-19-124, N.D.C.C.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2021.
C.A. CONTRACTING, INC.
Kerry Hulsting, President

(Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2021) 2898657

Probate No. 45-2021-PR-00091
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Personal Representative
IN THE SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF
STARK COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET WIEGLEND, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Mary Ulrich whose address is 3007 Walnut Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201, or filed with the Court.

Dated this 2nd day of August, 2021.

Mary Ulrich
Personal Representative
Estate of Margaret Wieglenda
SCOLEM LAW OFFICE
ID # 05088

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Attorney for Personal Representative

First publication on the 4th day of August, 2021.
(Aug. 4, 11 & 18, 2021) 2899132

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF AN
AMENDMENT OF THE STARK
COUNTY ZONING
ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing for the following was held on July 29th, 2021 at the Stark County Planning and Zoning Commission's meeting at 3:00 p.m. held in the Dakota Room at the Stark County Family and Resource Center, located at 26801 Empire Road, Room C in Dickinson, North Dakota.

Public Hearing for ZTA 01-21 Amendments to Article II: Rules and Definitions, and Article VIII: Administration and Enforcement of the Stark County Zoning Ordinance as adopted on October 2, 2012 regarding development moratoria.

The application listed above was approved by the Stark County Planning and Zoning Commission at their August 3rd, 2021 commission meeting.

The approved zoning ordinance amendment is available for inspection at the Stark County Auditor's Office at all times and at the Stark County Auditor's Office and the Stark County Recorder's Office during normal business hours.

Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission may protest the decision to the district court.

Persons wishing to appeal to the board of county commission do require a formal application and are initiated with the Stark County Auditor's Office in accordance with Chapter 8.8 of the Stark County Zoning Ordinance.

Steven Richard, Secretary Stark County Planning and Zoning Commission
(Aug. 18 & 25, 2021) 2900643

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS
THE HULSING CORPORATION

1. Notice is hereby given that The Hulsing Corporation ("Corporation") is in the process of dissolving.

2. On the 28th day of July, 2021, the Corporation filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State a Notice of Intent to Dissolve.

3. All written claims against the Corporation must be presented to the Corporation at Mackoff Kellogg Law Firm, Attn: Olivia Krebs, 38 2nd Ave E, Suite A, Dickinson, ND 58601.

All claims must be received by the Corporation at the address set forth above on or before the later of (a) the 31st day of November, 2021, which is ninety (90) days after published notice, or (b) if this notice was given to you by the Corporation, ninety (90) days after the date on which this written notice was given to you.

A creditor or claimant who fails to file a claim according to the procedures set forth in this notice on or before the date set forth herein is barred from suing on the claim or otherwise realizing upon it or enforcing it, except as provided in section 10-19-124, N.D.C.C.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2021.
THE HULSING CORPORATION
Kerry Hulsting, President

(Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2021) 2898643

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By: Olivia L. Krebs,
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Personal Representative
IN THE SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF
STARK COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF William F. Schwaib, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Marianne O'Brien, Personal Representative of the Estate, at 1011 10th day of August, 2021.

Marianne O'Brien,
Personal Representative
407 11th Ave. N.
Hettinger, ND 58639
(Aug. 18, 25 & Sept. 1, 2021) 2900317

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
STARK COUNTY, STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM M. STECKLER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Cynthia Lesler or Terence Steckler, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of William M. Steckler, at P.O. Box 1173, Dickinson, North Dakota 58602-1173, or filed with the Court.

Dated the 4th day of August, 2021.
Cynthia Lesler
Terence Steckler
Kirk Bogner, Rod & Selinger
Attorneys for the Co-Personal Representatives
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Dickinson, ND 58602-1173
Attorneys for the Co-Personal Representatives
First publication on the 11th day of August, 2021.
(Aug. 11, 18 & 25, 2021) 2899606

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF STARK
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF
BRADY MICHAEL BECHTOLD
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR NAME CHANGE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition in the above-entitled matter will be filed with the Clerk of District Court, Stark County, North Dakota, requesting an Order changing the name of Brady Michael Bechtold-Ewan to Brady Michael Norton. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the undersigned within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.

Dated August 1, 2021.
Brady Michael Bechtold-Ewan
127 8th Ave. E, Apt. 2
Dickinson, ND 58601
(Aug. 18, 2021) 2900821

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
STARK COUNTY, STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of KERRY R. HULSTING, Deceased.

Probate No. 45-2021-PR-00991
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION
FOR FORMAL PROBATE AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN INTERSTACY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Nancy Williams has filed herein an Application for Formal Probate and Appointment of Personal Representative in Interstacy.

Hearing has been set upon said petition on the 6th day of September, 2021, at 8:30 o'clock A.M. Mountain Time at the Courtroom of the above named Court in the City of Dickinson, County of Stark, State of North Dakota.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2021.

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PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA 2021 HOME PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT AND 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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The amendment and statement will be available to the public for review and comment during the period of August 18, 2021 - September 17, 2021. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., CT, on September 17, 2021. The plan and statement can be found on NDHFA's website, <https://ndhfa.org>, under Project Financing and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Please contact NDHFA prior to the deadline for accommodations or additional information.

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Development Division
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Notice is hereby given by the City of Devils Lake and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) that they will be accepting bids for the CDBG VFW BOAB Project. Project consists of demolition, construction of structural framework, and the installation of a lift, in accordance with architectural drawings. Sealed bids will be received prior to 4:00 PM, Thursday August 26th, 2021, at the North Central Planning Council Office, 417 5th Street NE, PO Box 651, Devils Lake, ND 58301. Bids will be opened at the North Central Planning Council Office, 417 5th Street NE, Devils Lake, ND, at 10:00 AM, August 27th, 2021, at which time they will be opened and read publicly. The City of Devils Lake and the VFW reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

The full project description bid specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from North Central Planning Council, 417 5th Street NE, PO Box 651, Devils Lake, North Dakota 58301. Telephone: 701-662-8131 or email ashleyncpc@gmail.com.
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Three people sentenced on felony charges in Jamestown

Three people were sentenced on felony charges in Southeast District Court in Jamestown.

Viviek Durgiah, 27, Corona, California, pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, methamphetamine, and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, fentanyl, Class B felonies, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class C felony.

Durgiah was accused of possessing methamphetamine, five or more pills of fentanyl and a methamphetamine pipe with a previous conviction in 2020 on Oct. 7.

Judge Cherie Clark sentenced Durgiah to two days in the Stutsman County Correctional Center with credit for two days served.

Durgiah was placed on 18 months supervised probation and ordered to pay a \$650 criminal administration fee, \$100 defense/facility administration fee, \$35 indigent defense application fee, \$300 indigent

recoupment fee and \$25 victim-witness fee.

A Class B felony is punishable by 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine. A Class C felony is punishable by five years in prison and \$10,000 fine.

Jason Spiekermeier, 46, no physical address, pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of personal identifying information, a Class C felony.

Spiekermeier was accused of using or attempting to use personal information to obtain credit or money on June 27, 2020.

Clark sentenced Spiekermeier to 18 months in the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation with credit for 23 days served.

Spiekermeier was placed on 19 months supervised probation and ordered to pay \$450 in restitution.

Kevin Michel, 57, Jamestown, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine with intent to

deliver, a Class B felony, possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, Class C felonies, and possession of a controlled substance, a Class B misdemeanor.

Michel was accused of possessing methamphetamine with intent to deliver, possessing methamphetamine with previous convictions in 2012 and 2020, possession of syringes, smoking devices and mirrors for use with methamphetamine and possession of less than 500 grams of marijuana on March 18.

Clark sentenced Michel to 137 days in the Stutsman County Correctional Center with credit for 37 days served.

Michel was placed on 18 months supervised probation and ordered to pay a \$650 criminal administration fee, \$100 defense/facility administration fee, \$35 indigent defense application fee and \$25 victim-witness fee.

IN THE RECORD

JAMESTOWN MUNICIPAL COURT

The Jamestown Municipal Court judge is Lawrence Kropp.

Note: All individuals reside in Jamestown unless otherwise noted. Individuals with a deferred imposition of sentence will have the charge or charges dismissed at the end of the deferred imposition if they have met the conditions of the sentence.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (TWO COUNTS)

Brian Jon Benson, 34, submit to fingerprints, one day, one day credit for time served.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Ashley Alexandra Weber, 28, \$30 administrative fees-general, \$25 costs, \$25 victim-witness fee, \$359 restitution, submit to fingerprints, 15 days, five suspended, 10 days may be served by electronic home monitoring with work release.

DROVE IN VIOLATION OF RESTRICTIONS

Jonathan Will Hoffman, 34,

\$30 administrative fees-general, \$25 costs, \$25 victim-witness fee, \$300 fines/fees, submit to fingerprints, five days suspended.

Giles Kayton Yazzie, 24, \$30 administrative fees-general, \$25 costs, \$25 victim-witness fee, \$250 fines/fees, submit to fingerprints, five days suspended.

DROVE IN VIOLATION OF RESTRICTIONS/DROVE WHILE OPERATOR'S LICENSE WAS SUSPENDED

Jess Richard Dirksen, 28, \$30 administrative fees-general, \$25 costs, \$25 victim-witness fee, \$500 fines/fees, submit to fingerprints, five days suspended.

DROVE WHILE LICENSE WAS REVOKED

Kayla Marie Koch, 21, \$30 administrative fees-general, \$25 costs, \$25 victim-witness fee, \$300 fines/fees, submit to fingerprints, five days, four suspended, one day credit for time served.

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PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA 2021 HOME PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT AND 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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NDHFA will make the additional funds available during the September 30, 2021, application round that is currently open. Applicants should refer to the 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement for the application process and eligibility. Multifamily rental production and rehabilitation criteria is found in Section III of the statement.

The amendment and statement will be available to the public for review and comment during the period of August 18, 2021 - September 7, 2021. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., CT, on September 7, 2021. The plan and statement can be found on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, under Project Financing and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Please contact NDHFA prior to the deadline for accommodations or additional information.

NDHFA Contact:
Jennifer Henderson
Director, Planning and Housing Development Division
PO Box 1535
Bismarck, ND 58502
(800) 252-6621
(800) 366-6889 (TTY)
(800) 435-9550 (Spanish)
mailto:info@ndhfa.org
Hearings/Housing Opportunity
(Aug. 14, 2021) 2900336

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES ON A FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT

Stutsman County
Courthouse/Law Enforcement
Center Generator

This is a Request for Proposal from a qualified vendor for design and installation of a 500 KW diesel-powered generator to provide backup power for the Stutsman County Courthouse/Law Enforcement Center in the City of Jamestown, North Dakota. Questions regarding the RFP should be directed to Daniel Schwartz at News Planning & Consulting, LLC (701) 982-7970 or dschwartz@newsplanning.com. A generator planning report was produced by AES and is available upon request to interested parties. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 assures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or physical ability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs or activities administered by the City of Jamestown for which the City receives federal financial assistance.

Proposals from qualified vendors will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. ST August 2021 and opened and read aloud at that time in the lowest level conference room in the Stutsman County Law Enforcement Center. Submit five hard copies and one PDF copy of proposal to:
Stutsman County
Attn: Jessica Alcorn
Interim Auditor
511 2nd Ave SE, Suite 102
Jamestown, ND 58401
auditor@stutsmancounty.gov
(Aug. 7, 14 & 21, 2021) 2893464

Leo A. Ryan (ID#05430)
Dated & Ryan, P.C.
P.O. Box 1727
Jamestown, North Dakota 58401
(701) 252-6668
leo@daleandryan.com
Attorney for Estate

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STUTSMAN COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of
LILLIAN G. PECKHAM,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Laurel Peckham, Co-Personal Representative of the Estate, at 4894 64th Avenue Southeast, Ypsilanti, North Dakota 58497, or Charlene Messer, Co-Personal Representative of the Estate, at Post Office Box 165, Barnesville, Minnesota 55014, or filed with the Court. Dated this 3rd day of August, 2021.

LAUREL PECKHAM
4894 64th Avenue Southeast
Ypsilanti, ND 58497

SANDNESS LAW OFFICE
211 First Avenue North
P.O. Box 915
Jamestown, ND 58402-0915
(701) 952-5291
sandness@ndlaw.com
IDA 06124, Attorney for: Personal Representative

File 47-2021-PR-78
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
STUTSMAN COUNTY, STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of
Patricia Lindbo, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Patricia Lindbo has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. 2. All persons having claims against the deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or to those known creditors whom a mailing of the notice of creditors has been sent or said claims will be forever barred. 3. Claims must be presented to Scott Richard Sandness, Attorney for the Personal Representative, at P.O. Box 915, Jamestown, ND 58402-0915, or filed with the Clerk of District Court at the following address: 511 2nd Ave. SE, Jamestown, ND 58401.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2021.
SANDNESS LAW OFFICE
211 First Avenue North
P.O. Box 915
Jamestown, ND 58402-0915
sandness@ndlaw.com
(701) 952-5291
/s/ Scott Richard Sandness
Scott Richard Sandness, ID#06124
Attorney for the Personal Representative
(Aug. 7, 14 & 21, 2021) 2899002

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids are being accepted for four FEMA sites in St. Paul Township, Stutsman County, North Dakota. Bids will be received by St. Paul Township Chairman Tom Kleven, 5099 36th Street SE, Medina, ND 58467 until 5:00 PM (CST) August 25, 2021. Bids will be publicly opened on August 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM (CST) at Medina City Hall, 104 2nd Avenue SW, Medina, ND. The scope and general nature of the work consists of furnishing all labor, equipment, materials and performing all work necessary for performing grade raises, embankment stabilization, rip rap and surface grading of township roadway. Approximate bids are as follows:

- 187 CY of gravel (surface): 1,000 ft long x 18 ft wide x 3 in deep
- 363 CY of pit run (sub base): 1,000 ft long x 18 ft wide x 6 in deep

- 7,888 CY of embankment (base): 800 ft long x 18 ft wide x 14.79 in deep
- 1,600 SY of filter fabric (under pit run): 800 ft long x 18 ft wide
- 1,709 CY of rip rap: 1,600 ft long x 18 ft wide x 1.5 ft deep
- 3,419 SY of filter fabric (under rip rap): 800 ft long x 38 ft wide
- 1,600 ft of turbidity curtain: 800 ft both sides of roadway
- 49 LF of corrugated metal pipe (CMP): 24 in CMP 49 LF long

- St. Paul Site 2 (Project 1): 144 CY of gravel (surface): 845 ft long x 18 ft wide x 3 in deep
- 366 CY of pit run (sub base): 845 ft long x 18 ft wide x 6 in deep
- 10,607 CY of embankment (base): 645 ft long x 37.5 ft wide x 11.75 ft deep
- 3,157 SY of filter fabric (under pit run): 645 ft long x 44 ft wide
- 1,576 CY of rip rap: 1,200 ft long x 18 ft wide x 1.5 ft deep
- 1,290 SY of filter fabric (under rip rap): 645 ft long x 18 ft wide
- 1,290 ft of turbidity curtain: 645 ft both sides of roadway
- 61 LF of corrugated metal pipe (CMP): 24 in CMP 61 LF long

- St. Paul Site 3 (Project 1): 58 CY of gravel (surface): 345 ft long x 18 ft wide x 3 in deep
- 122 CY of pit run (sub base): 345 ft long x 18 ft wide x 6 in deep
- 1,384 CY of embankment (base): 195 ft long x 19 ft wide x 10 ft deep
- 390 SY of filter fabric (under pit run): 195 ft long x 18 ft wide
- 368 CY of rip rap: 390 ft long x 18 ft wide x 1.5 ft deep
- 615 SY of filter fabric (under rip rap): 390 ft long x 14 ft wide
- 390 ft of turbidity curtain: 195 ft both sides of roadway
- 47 LF of corrugated metal pipe (CMP): 24 in CMP 47 LF long
- St. Paul Site 9 (Project 2): 83 CY of gravel (surface): 500 ft long x 18 ft wide x 3 in deep
- 167 CY of pit run (sub base): 500 ft long x 18 ft wide x 6 in deep
- 333 CY of embankment (base): 500 ft long x 18 ft wide x 1 ft deep
- 500 CY of rip rap: 900 ft long x 10 ft wide x 1.5 ft deep (450 ft long)

All materials shall be bid on a per item basis; lump sum bids will not be accepted. Bid all materials as indicated above. St. Paul Sites 1, 2, and 3 should be bid as one project and St. Paul Site 9 should be bid as one project. All material must come from an approved source. Questions related to the project may be directed to Tom Kleven, Chairman, St. Paul Township, at (701) 320-3314.

St. Paul Township reserves the right to hold all bids 30 DAYS after the date set for the opening thereof and reject any and all bids and waive minor defects.

Work shall commence on this project within 10 calendar days of being issued a "Notice to Proceed" by the Township. Work, when started, shall proceed in a continuous operation from start to finish. Work on the projects shall be completed on or before November 15, 2021.

All bids shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a bid or the contractor's license, in effect at least ten days prior to the date set for receiving bids, in the separate envelope with the bidder's bond in accordance with NDCC 43-07-12.

The successful bidder shall provide a performance bond in the amount of the bid pursuant to NDCC 46-01-2.10. The successful bidder shall provide a certificate of liability insurance coverage, a current "North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance Certificate of Premium Paid," and a "Contractor's Certificate of North Dakota Income and Sales Tax Clearance." Public liability and property damage insurance requirements shall be in accordance with Section 107 of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction adopted October 2014.

The bidder's envelope shall be clearly marked to identify it as a sealed bid for: St. Paul Township FEMA Projects. Addenda, if any, shall be acknowledged on the outside of the bidder's envelope and on the bidder's proposal.

No bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bonds and Licenses, and any deficient bid submitted will be rescaled and returned to the bidder immediately.

All bidders are invited to be present at the public opening of the bids. Dated this August 3, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
ST. PAUL TOWNSHIP

Tom Kleven
Chairman, St. Paul Township
(Aug. 7 & 14, 2021) x

Case File No. 47-2021-PR-0080
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
STUTSMAN COUNTY, STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of
Marvin Wanzek, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the attorney listed above, to Donna Wanzek as Personal Representative of the Estate at 801 - 9th Avenue SW, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401, or filed with the Court. Dated this 11th day of August, 2021.

/s/ Donna Wanzek
Donna Wanzek
Personal Representative
of the Estate of
Marvin Wanzek, deceased
801 - 9th Avenue SW
Jamestown, North Dakota 58401
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the amount of \$119,532.81, as of June 14, 2021, plus interest accruing thereafter on said amount at the rate of 2.94% per year together with the costs and expenses of sale, the property will be sold subject to redemption as provided by law as one parcel of land at public auction, subject to any lien for unpaid real estate taxes and assessments of Ward County, North Dakota, and easements and restrictions of record, to the highest bidder for cash under the direction of the Sheriff of Ward County, North Dakota, at the main entrance of the Ward County Courthouse located at 315 SE 3rd Street, Minot, North Dakota 58701, on September 15, 2021 ("Sale Date"), at 10:00 AM. If the sale is set aside for reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney, DATED this 2nd day of August, 2021.

SHERIFF OF WARD COUNTY

Robert Reed
Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff of Ward

Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
376 East 400 South, Suite 300
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
801-355-2886
Email: scott@hwmllawfirm.com
ND Bar No.: 09334
(August 6-13-20, 2021)

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE

CIVIL NUMBER: 51-2020-CV-01816
IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF WARD, IN THE DISTRICT COURT, NORTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

U.S. Bank National Association,
Plaintiff,

v.
Michael P. Craig, Amber R. Craig, aka Amber R. Sanina, State of North Dakota by Dept. of Human Services, Child Support Division, and all persons unknown, claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the real estate described in the complaint; any person in possession, Defendants.

Judgment in the amount of \$186,386.95, having been entered in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants, which judgment was filed with the Clerk of Courts of Ward County, North Dakota, on April 21, 2021, for the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage.

2 Notice is hereby given pursuant to said judgment that the real property described as:

Lot 1, Galmac Subdivision of Block 2, Fairway Rearrangement of a portion of Elbow Park Manor Addition to the City of Minot, Ward County, North Dakota.

Real Property address: 100 19th Street SE, Minot, ND 58701

The above real property is the subject of the Mortgage dated July 31, 2015, which Mortgage, Michael P. Craig, executed and delivered to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Town and Country Credit Union, its successors and assigns, and recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Ward County, North Dakota, on August 4, 2015, Instrument Number 2988956, which is subject to the entered judgment. Said Mortgage was assigned to Plaintiff, its successors or assigns, by Assignment of Mortgage recorded October 7, 2018, Instrument Number 3032438. In order to realize the amount of \$186,386.95, as of April 21, 2021, plus interest accruing thereafter on said amount at the rate of 3.625% per year together with the costs and expenses of sale, the property will be sold subject to redemption as provided by law as one parcel of land at public auction, subject to any lien for unpaid real estate taxes and assessments of Ward County, North Dakota, and easements and restrictions of record, to the highest bidder for cash under the direction of the Sheriff of Ward County, North Dakota, at the main entrance of the Ward County Courthouse located at 315 SE 3rd Street, Minot, North Dakota 58701, on September 15, 2021 ("Sale Date"), at 10:00 AM. If the sale is set aside for reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse

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(August 6-13-20, 2021)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Probate No. 51-2021-PR-00121

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, IN DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF WARD, NORTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of Craig Ness, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above Estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to Sylvetta Votleson-Ness, Personal Representative of the Estate of Craig Ness, c/o DeMakis Law, PLLC, P.O. Box 1748, Minot, ND 58702-1748, or filed with the Court. Dated this 2nd day of August, 2021.

By Sylvetta Votleson-Ness
Sylvetta Votleson-Ness
Personal Representative

Charles G. DeMakis
DeMAKIS LAW, PLLC
P.O. Box 1748
Minot, North Dakota 58702-1748
Attorneys for Personal Representative
(August 6-13-20, 2021)

PUBLIC NOTICE
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The amendment and statement will be available to the public for review and comment during the period of August 18, 2021 - September 17, 2021. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. ET on September 17, 2021. The plan and statement can be found on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, under Project Financing and HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Please contact NDHFA prior to the deadline for accommodations or additional information.

NDHFA Contact:
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Director, Planning and Housing Development Division
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(800) 433-8590 (Spanish)
jhenderson@nd.gov
Equal Housing Opportunity
(August 13, 2021)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
General Design, Engineering and Construction Services for Low Head Dam Remediation - Minot ND PF 4818

The City of Minot is accepting proposals from qualified firms for general design, engineering and construction services for remediation of a high hazard low head dam near the water treatment plant and other possible dam sites in Minot, located on the Mouse River. The City occasionally requests cost share participation from the North Dakota State Water Commission on various water and flood related projects. In accordance with the SWC's cost share policy, the City is conducting an engineering services selection process for the low head dam remediation to qualify for cost share regarding engineering and development of these projects. This RFO process is to satisfy the SWC cost share requirements and to retain a qualified firm to assist with general design, engineering and construction services.

SCOPE OF WORK

The City of Minot is seeking general engineering services and consulting services to assist, advise, design and manage a low head dam remediation project near the water treatment plant for the City of Minot. This will consist of but not be limited to any and all proceedings required to design, analyze, construct, model, survey, permit or inspect low head dams in order to provide safety improvements. In addition, the consultant will be required to submit required applications to the SWC for the projects in accordance with the guidelines.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Firms interested in providing engineering services are requested to submit the following information:
• Name and address of Project Manager; email address and other design team members to be assigned to his project and an organizational chart. Please address contingency plans should one of these employees be unavailable during the design phase.
• The firm's qualifications to successfully complete the project scope.
• General introduction and brief history of firm.
• Confirmation the firm meets the appropriate licensing requirements of North Dakota.
• References (4) - a list of similar studies and project descriptions undertaken by the firm (preferably project personnel with name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address of a contact person for each reference).

• Description of relevant flood or dam safety projects the firm has designed or managed.
The City shall evaluate each potential consultant in terms of the following:

1. Professional qualifications necessary for satisfactory performance of required services. 15 Pts.
2. Specialized experience and technical competence of personnel in low head dam innovative design alternatives, 404, 408 and State permitting, development of dewatering plans, hydrologic, hydraulic and flood routing analyses and construction management of flood control or dam safety work. 10 Pts.
3. Location with higher priority with firms located in ND or Minot Specific. 10 Pts.
4. Past performance on contracts in terms of cost control, quality of work, and compliance with performance schedules. 15 Pts.
5. Project understanding and project approach and willingness to work within set engineering fee schedule. 10 Pts.
6. Past experience with City of Minot related flood control projects. 20 Pts.
7. Related experience on similar projects and projects associated with NDSWC application and funding requirements. 10 Pts.
8. Current and projected workload of persons and firm. 10 Pts.

A consultant selection team will review all proposals. The selection team shall select the firm they feel will supply the City the best and most complete effort based upon ratings. Selection will be based solely on the proposals. The City may perform in person interviews at the discretion of the selection team. Please furnish five (5) paper copies (50 pages maximum) and one (1) digital (pdf or other format) copy of the proposals to Mr. Dan Jonasson, Director of Public Works, PO Box 5006, Minot, ND 58702 or 1025 31st Street SE, Minot, ND by 2:00 p.m. August 27, 2021. Questions on the project should be directed to Mr. Dan Jonasson, Director of Public Works or Jean Sorenson, Asst. Director of Public Works at (701) 857-4140 or by email at dan.jonasson@minotnd.org or jean.sorenson@minotnd.org. (August 6-13-20, 2021)



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VCSU Scholarship Awards for 2021-2022 School Year

Special to Times-Record
Valley City, ND (VCSU) — The Financial Aid Office at Valley City State University, Valley City, North Dakota is pleased to announce that the following students have been awarded scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic school year.

Lindy Bjurstrom has

been awarded the Herman Stern General Scholarship.
Elizabeth Gazeley has been awarded the Friends of Music Scholarship, the Gloria Peterson Music Scholarship, and the Harriett Lusyd Stull Memorial Art & Music Scholarship.
Easton Hesch has been

awarded the Charles and Jan Stowman Scholarship Fund.
Keaton Kvilvang has been awarded the Charles and Jan Stowman Scholarship Fund.
Madelynn Langemo has been awarded the MDU Resources Foundation Scholarship.
Jenna Pommere has

been awarded the Ann Haugaard Library Scholarship.
Toriana Berg has been awarded the Corcoran Matzke Memorial Scholarship.
Mckenna Taylor has been awarded the Wendall Gillund Quasi Endowment Scholarship and the Smith-Moug

Memorial Scholarship.
Hanna Koenig has been awarded the Tom Trousedale Scholarship.
Kobe Newton has been awarded the Upper-Level VCSU Alumni Scholarship and the Phil and Darlene Mueller Scholarship Fund.
Grace Scherr has been awarded the VCSU

Alumni Upper-Level Scholarship.
Hannah Aberle has been awarded the Cathy Jahn Memorial Scholarship, the Harriett Lusyd Stull Memorial Art & Music Scholarship, and the Janet Monroe Wendeschlag; Bryan John Wendschlag; Eric David Memorial Scholarship.

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ten omit from having a 13th floor (though those staying on the 14th floor should feel no real sense of comfort if the number 13 does happen to be cursed). The fear of the number may stem from an offset of the completeness in the number 12 (days of Christmas, months, zodiac signs, labors of Hercules, Gods of Olympus, tribes of Israel...).

The superstition behind Friday doesn't have as sure of a history. Perhaps it is because of Jesus' crucifixion taking place on Friday. It could be because Eve provided Adam the fateful apple on Friday. It could be because Friday was the day Cain killed his brother, Abel.

Last year's ill-omened date carried something else that might have inadvertently sent shivers up one's spine. A rare full harvest micro-moon was visible and was at the point in its orbit where it was farthest from Earth. Before last year's phenomenon, the previous full moon observed on Friday the 13th was October 13th, 2000. It won't happen again until August 13th, 2049.

The truth of the matter is that Friday the 13th isn't much more than a meme, having an initially weak foundation but expanding on its own history and continuing to grow based off on that.

But there isn't anything significant about

the day itself. It is about as important Monday the 28th or Saturday the 2nd.

That's not to say Friday the 13th hasn't had its fair share of historical importance:

• Jan. 13, 1939: "Black Friday" bush fires killed 36 people in the Victoria province of Australia.

• Sept. 13, 1940: the Nazis dropped five bombs on Buckingham Palace.

• March 13, 1964: Kitty Genovese was murdered in New York City, a crime that became infamous because more than 30 people witnessed the crime and not one intervened.

• Nov. 13, 1970: In what remains one of the worst natural disasters in history, a cyclone hit Bangladesh on this date, killing thousands.

• Oct. 13, 1972: Two separate plane crashes, one in the Andes and one in Moscow, caused the deaths of 203 people. In the Andes, the plane had been carrying a rugby team, whose survivors were stranded for 72 days and were forced to consume parts of the dead to survive.

• Aug. 13, 2010: a 13-year-old boy in England was struck by lightning at 1:13 p.m.—13:13 mili-

tary time. He survived having only sustained a minor burn.

• Jan. 13, 2012: More than 30 passengers on the cruise ship *Costa Concordia* died when it

wrecked off the Italian Coast.

With the yearly occurrences of the date, it doesn't seem to be a superstition that looks to disappear soon. For

now, we all will just throw some salt over our shoulders, avoid black cats, walk around lad-

ders, close our umbrellas inside, knock on wood, and run if you hear Ki! Ki! Ki! Ma! Ma! Ma!

ACROSS

1 Luau dish
4 Shopper's aid
8 Battery fluid
12 Young — (tots)
13 — bator
14 Lucy's partner
15 Allen Ginsberg, for one
17 Swerve
18 French cheese
19 Plague
20 The staff of life
22 Tea time
24 Easter bloom
25 Pessimistic
29 100 percent
30 Shoe parks
31 Away from SSW
32 'buses
33 nonconformists
34 Not crimp VIPs

35 Milinery
36 Ballet bends
37 Show indifference
40 San — Capistrano
41 Weaving frame
42 Percussionist's sound
46 Denny's rival
47 Author Ferber
48 Clean air org.
49 Specks
50 Cambodia neighbor
51 Gym unit

DOWN

1 Iavem beans
2 Count slant
3 Across Rossellini
4 Valentine's Day
5 Iation ingredient
6 "Noma"
7 Blasting slick
8 Modifying word
9 Mediocre grades
10 "Got It"
11 Grime
16 Tea carrier
19 Chignons
20 Spill the beans
21 Anger
22 People
23 Is in debt
25 "Act now!"
26 Train driver
27 Initial ship
28 Hardy lass
30 Unlustrous problem
33 Pounds
34 Thick chunk
35 Cougars
37 Last (action)
38 Jolly laugh
39 Cheer (for)
40 Jupiter's wife
42 Costa — Sol
43 Vitamin slat
44 Gurilla
45 Light touch

Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterday's answer D-13

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OUR FOOD CRITIC THANKS YOU SHAMP ON THE MENU

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Maple Valley School District # 4 Employee Salaries / Wages 2021-2022
Ausk, Rebecca Teacher/Advisor 55,697 Baumgartner, Susan Teacher/Driver 55,300/42.32
Burlingame, Terry Driver 22,622 Carpenter, Chase Coach 3,786 Corcoran, Carl Coach/Advisor
Dr 14,972 Corcoran, Jeff Teacher/Coach 46,837 Hosts, Nathan Teacher/Coach 65,426 Janish,
Cathy Business Mgr 27,377 Johnson, Jody Teacher/Coach 65,189 Johnson, Lindsey Teacher/
48,570 Jorgensen, Sonja Teacher 40,300 Juddison, Taryn Teacher 38,355 Kappan, Brett
Teacher/Driver 58,100/39.26 Kaplan, Cindy Teacher/Coach/Advisor 67,222 Kaska, Jayson
Administrator/Coach 64,931 Keller, Jennifer Pats 14,330 Kruger, Dewayne Custodian 16,121
Kuzma, Anthony Custodian 22,441 Kuzma, Diana Teacher 55,330 Lewis, Bryan Teacher/Music
51,970 McClarin, Elizabeth Driver 32,431 McClarin, Glenn Driver 51,163/35.65 McDermott, Angela
Food Service Driver 16,203/11.19 Mellem, Mikayla Teacher/Coach 43,066 Miller, Jeff Teacher/
Coach 52,840 Nelson, Rhonda Head Cook 16,571 Nygaard, Michael Administrator 50,938
Pattis, Kathy Teacher/Coach 42,325 Peterson, Jessica Secretary 20,811 Pflus, Wade Secretary
21,021 Preston, Cassie Teacher/Coach 41,570 Preston, Mikalene Teacher 39,450 Storhoff,
Courtney Teacher/Coach 62,840 Theurer, Jessica Teacher/Coach 54,872 Truider, Darlene Driver
49,861 Uhl, Kelley Coach 17,185 Wenden, Pat Administrator/Transportation 125,609

(August 13, 2021)

SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PUBLICATION
2021-2022 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PLEASANT HILL, ND
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT CLERK, 1000 1ST AVE N, PLEASANT HILL, ND 58056

Valley City Times-Record, 215 4th St NE, Valley City, ND 58072

Public Notice
The following is a list of the salaries and wages for the 2021-2022 school year for the School District of Pleasant Hill, ND. The salaries and wages are listed for each employee, including their name, position, and salary/wage. The salaries and wages are listed in dollars and cents.

Salaries and Wages for 2021-2022

Employee Name	Position	Salary/Wage
Ausk, Rebecca	Teacher/Advisor	55,697
Baumgartner, Susan	Teacher/Driver	55,300/42.32
Burlingame, Terry	Driver	22,622
Carpenter, Chase	Coach	3,786
Corcoran, Carl	Coach/Advisor	14,972
Corcoran, Jeff	Teacher/Coach	46,837
Hosts, Nathan	Teacher/Coach	65,426
Janish, Cathy	Business Mgr	27,377
Johnson, Jody	Teacher/Coach	65,189
Johnson, Lindsey	Teacher	48,570
Jorgensen, Sonja	Teacher	40,300
Juddison, Taryn	Teacher	38,355
Kappan, Brett	Teacher/Driver	58,100/39.26
Kaplan, Cindy	Teacher/Coach/Advisor	67,222
Kaska, Jayson	Administrator/Coach	64,931
Keller, Jennifer Pats		14,330
Kruger, Dewayne	Custodian	16,121
Kuzma, Anthony	Custodian	22,441
Kuzma, Diana	Teacher	55,330
Lewis, Bryan	Teacher/Music	51,970
McClarin, Elizabeth	Driver	32,431
McClarin, Glenn	Driver	51,163/35.65
McDermott, Angela	Food Service Driver	16,203/11.19
Mellem, Mikayla	Teacher/Coach	43,066
Miller, Jeff	Teacher/Coach	52,840
Nelson, Rhonda	Head Cook	16,571
Nygaard, Michael	Administrator	50,938
Pattis, Kathy	Teacher/Coach	42,325
Peterson, Jessica	Secretary	20,811
Pflus, Wade	Secretary	21,021
Preston, Cassie	Teacher/Coach	41,570
Preston, Mikalene	Teacher	39,450
Storhoff, Courtney	Teacher/Coach	62,840
Theurer, Jessica	Teacher/Coach	54,872
Truider, Darlene	Driver	49,861
Uhl, Kelley	Coach	17,185
Wenden, Pat	Administrator/Transportation	125,609

(August 13, 2021)

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
County of Barnes
In District Court
Southeast Judicial District
State of North Dakota and
Jessica A. Nelson, Plaintiff,
-vs-
Brent Johnson, Defendant
Order of Dismissal
Civil No. 02-2021-04-50

1. The State of North Dakota, by and through the Jamestown Field Office, having made a Motion for Dismissal and the Court being fully advised in the premises, grants the State's Motion for Dismissal and it is hereby ORDERED:

2. Brent Johnson is not the father of the child in the present action.

3. The present action is hereby dismissed with prejudice.

Signed: 8/3/2021 3:56:40 PM
By: Jay Schmitt
District Judge

(August 13, 2021)

Barnes County Commission
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
8:00 A.M. Barnes County Courthouse
Commission Chambers - 2nd Floor
(Approximate times - subject to change)

8:00 Pledge of Allegiance / Agenda corrections & additions

8:00 Treasurer's Office - Cancellation Outstanding Warrants

8:15 Planning & Zoning - 2 Variances

8:45 A&P Construction - Con-

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PUBLIC HEARING
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Williams County Planning and Zoning
Commission or Williams County, ND has
recently scheduled a meeting on the
19th day of August, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the
Commission Room in the lower level of
the Williams County Administration Building
located at 205 E. Broadway, Williston,
ND. The Planning and Zoning Commission
will review and consider the following
applications:

1. LUP-0106-21 Amendable Adairville, on be-
half of Transpacific, in requesting a Zone
Change to Rural Commercial and a Cor-
ridor Use Permit for a Gasworks Resi-
dence on an 8-acre parcel. The property
is currently zoned Residential.
Location: Outlot 16 of Round Phase 6
Easements of Section 24, T.154N R.103W

Motivated related to the public hearing
items, proposed above are available in
the Williams County Development Ser-
vice Office for inspection by the public
during regular hours of operation. For
further information, please contact the
City of Williston at (701) 577-4556.

If you are not able to attend the meeting
and wish to make comments, please
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County Planning & Zoning Division, P.O.
Box 2447, Williston, ND 58802 or email
at planning@williston.nd.us. All com-
ments shall be submitted to the Planning
& Zoning Division at least 24 hours prior
to the scheduled public hearing.
**Legal 442958 - Published August 6, &
13, 2021**

Public Notice
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
WILLIAMS COUNTY,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Estate of
Rodger Lee Lund, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTEREST AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Louise
Lund, Julie Lund, and Patricia Lund, hereinafter
Petitioners for Adjudication of Interest
and Determination of Heirs in the
Estate of the Estate of Rodger Lee Lund,
Deceased.

THAT said petition is with reference to,
and affects the 9th of the real property
described as follows, to-wit:

All of the decedent's right, gas, and in-
terest in and to the oil, gas and other
Minerals in and under:
**Township 152 North, Range 103
West of the 5th P.M. (Williams
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To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider this letter as a summary of comments and concerns regarding the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan from the South Central Dakota Regional Council (SCDRC). The SCDRC serves Region VI, including Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, Logan, LaMoure, McIntosh, Slutsman and Wells counties, in South Central North Dakota.

As partners in administration and management of the CDBG program, we are sharing our comments in response to proposed changes to the FY2021 CDBG program provided by ND Department of Commerce – Division of Community Services (DCS).

The following is a summary of concerns:

1. **PROPOSED CHANGE: INCREASED MINIMUM GRANT AMOUNT**

Response: The significant increase in the minimum grant amount will have a direct effect on all communities served, especially smaller communities with limited financial resources and infrastructure that has surpassed its expected design life. There is a significant number of communities in Region VI classified as low-to-moderate-income (LMI). Increased grant minimums will have a direct effect on the ability of those communities to utilize CDBG.

Many of our communities have expressed concern that the increase minimum grant amount will likely deter the cities in applying for CDBG funds for public facilities and housing projects. The increased minimums will require larger, more expensive projects which will also necessitate more local funds for engineering, grant administration, and for portions of the project not funded with CDBG. These small cities do not have funding to support the increased minimums in local funding this would require. These cities are looking for infrastructure projects and housing rehabilitation to improve their aging communities.



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It was noted during the February 26, 2021 conference call with DCS staff that HUD is requiring CDBG address more comprehensive projects in North Dakota than have been approved in the past. Increasing the minimum grant amount is meant to implement that. If an increase in the grant minimums is necessary, a less significant increase could likely still meet the goal.

The proposed minimum grant amount has increased anywhere from 100% to 900%:

Eligible Category	Previous Minimum	Proposed Minimum	Percent of Increase
Public Facilities & Public Services	\$20,000	\$75,000	275%
Single Family Housing	\$25,000	\$200,000	700%
Multi-Family Housing	\$25,000	\$100,000	300%
Economic Development – Retail Sector & Tourism	\$10,000	\$50,000	400%
Economic Development – Primary Sector	\$50,000	\$100,000	100%
Governor's Fund	\$10,000	\$100,000	900%

There are communities that have comprehensive public facilities projects that would not cost \$75,000. For example, some communities have been able to replace an entire lift station for less than the current public facilities grant amount of \$75,000.

SCDRC proposes that you do not increase these minimums at this time and leave them as they are.

2. **PROPOSED CHANGE: COMPREHENSIVE PROJECTS**

Response: HUD has indicated it is concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive, however applicants have a fiscal and ethical responsibility to only include what is necessary in a project's scope.

During the February 26, 2021 call with DCS staff, it was indicated HUD is concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive. This was used as partial justification for increasing the allowable minimum grant amount – to encourage larger, more comprehensive projects.

As an example, replacing the entire lift station is more comprehensive than replacing an operational component of the lift station like the control panel. However, a community with limited financial resources is not likely to replace an entire lift station unless necessary. Often a complete replacement is not necessary, therefore replacing the entire lift station would not be a prudent use of limited taxpayer funds.

3. **PROPOSED CHANGE: INCREASE REGIONAL ALLOCATION**

Response: This is a request of the regional councils to increase the amount of funds distributed to the regions. This can be done by decreasing the amount reserved annually for the Governor's Fund.

The significant increase in minimum grant amounts will likely directly affect the number of projects that can be allocated funds annually. More expensive projects will mean fewer projects. Yet, requests routinely exceed the amount available.



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There is approximately \$4.2 million currently in the revolving and allocation sectors of the Governor's Fund. Unallocated funds must be returned to HUD. The regional councils request more funds be distributed to the regions. We can make a difference locally – throughout the entire state – if more CDBG is allocated to each region.

4. PROPOSED CHANGE: INCREASE S&R CONTRACTS / PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Response: Increasing the amount of Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contracts will assist in retaining working expertise to maintain this complex program regionally. Increased S&R contracts will also more closely align with actual staff costs incurred to manage the program.

The amount of the Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contracts with the regional councils has not increased in more than 15 years, however staffing costs have not remained stagnant during the same period. Managing the CDBG program requires on-going training, research, and expertise. The professional staff time needed to allocate funds on an annual basis has increased, however the amount of the S&R contracts has not.

Professional staff costs in Region VI for the past four years are higher than the S&R contract amount. These costs happen before grant management begins for specific projects, as grant management is paid by the applicant. Staff are engaged in on-going research and vetting of potential projects prior to actual development of a CDBG application. This staff time, in addition to the actual scoring and ranking of projects, is intended to be covered under the S&R contract.

The same applies for the allowable amount of grant management. Increasing the minimum allowable grant amount should directly correlate with increasing the CDBG grant administration maximum. For example, CDBG grant administration on housing projects is 15% with a maximum \$15,000. However, the minimum grant amount is now \$200,000, which at 15% would equate to \$30,000. In this example, by not allowing the grant administration amount to directly correlate to the grant amount, regional councils are not receiving at least half of the funds needed for staff time to manage the complex program.

5. PROPOSED CHANGE: EMERGENCY/URGENT NEED PROJECTS

Response: Difficulties in meeting CDBG program requirements was noted as a potential reason why the state may no longer consider accepting urgent need project applications during the February 26, 2021 call with DCS staff. Yet, addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the CDBG program and we request collaboration to ensure it remains an option for North Dakota communities.

Governor's funding has been very difficult to acquire with the timelines that are on CDBG projects at this time. Those projects that are legitimate emergencies need to be addressed immediately as they are a detriment to the health and welfare of their communities. Additional funding put into our region's allocation would help ease this burden.

To help receive a timely award and better administer an urgent need project, we request:

- A definition of an emergency project. For example, can a project be considered an urgent need today when a gate valve is about to break, rather than when the valve breaks a few months from now?




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- Information on how other states utilize CDBG for urgent need projects. Can HUD provide another state as a guiding example on how to better award and implement urgent need projects in North Dakota?
- Set a specific process to submit, review, and determine if a request will be funded.
 - Once a request is received, a response is available within 10 days, for example.
 - Define what criteria is used in deciding whether to fund a request.
 - Allow the regional council/applicant the opportunity to visit with DCS and Governor's Office staff to review the project verbally and answer any questions or concerns.

Although complex to implement and manage, the CDBG program continues to be an important resource in North Dakota. We, the SCDRC Board of Directors and Executive Director, appreciate your consideration of our comments on the FY2021 Action Plan.

Thank you,



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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this letter as a summary of comments and concerns regarding the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan from Souris Basin Planning Council (SBPC).

As partners in administration and management of the CDBG program, we are sharing our comments in response to proposed changes to the FY2021 CDBG program provided by ND Department of Commerce – Division of Community Services (DCS) staff during a virtual meeting held with regional councils on February 26, 2021. Regional councils held a follow-up virtual meeting on March 10, 2021 to discuss proposed changes and potential negative impacts. The draft of the 2021 Action Plan was also reviewed via the DCS website.

SBPC has identified the following concerns:

1. PROPOSED CHANGE: INCREASED MINIMUM GRANT AMOUNT

It was noted by DCS staff during the February 26, 2021 virtual meeting that HUD is requiring CDBG address more comprehensive projects in North Dakota than have been approved in the past and increasing the minimum grant amount is meant to meet this requirement.

Response: The new minimums in 2021 have been increased between 100% and 900%. The significant increase in the minimum grant amounts for all project types will have a negative impact on all eligible communities served, particularly smaller communities with limited financial resources, infrastructure that has surpassed its expected design life, and deteriorated housing available for low- to moderate-income families. The members of the SBPC are gravely concerned about the communities who will no longer be able to access funding, potentially leading to further deterioration of our rural communities, leading to negative impacts on the North Dakota CDBG program.

If an increase in the grant minimums is necessary, a much less significant increase could still meet the requirement of comprehensive projects.

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2021 Increased Minimums in current Action Plan

Eligible Category	Previous Minimum	Proposed Minimum	Increase
Public Facilities & Public Services	\$20,000	\$75,000	275%
Single Family Housing	\$25,000	\$200,000	700%
Multi-Family Housing	\$25,000	\$100,000	300%
Economic Development – Retail Sector & Tourism	\$10,000	\$50,000	400%
Economic Development – Primary Sector	\$50,000	\$100,000	100%
Governor's Fund	\$10,000	\$100,000	900%

SBPC would like to request that minimum grant amounts be updated as follows:

Eligible Category	Previous Minimum	SBPC Proposed Minimum	Increase
Public Facilities & Public Services	\$20,000	\$75,000 (unchanged)	275%
Single Family Housing	\$25,000	<i>*we do not have a recommendation for this category</i>	
Multi-Family Housing	\$25,000	\$35,000	40%
Economic Development – Retail Sector & Tourism	\$10,000	\$40,000	300%
Economic Development – Primary Sector	\$50,000	<i>*we do not have a recommendation for this category</i>	
Governor's Fund	\$10,000	\$60,000	500%

These new proposed minimums are based upon the following:

- Between 2016-2020, our comprehensive multi-family projects were granted an average of \$36,333 (removing the smallest and largest project in this timeframe).
- In 2020 the City of Drake was awarded a \$44,510 grant to maintain its grocery store, with upgraded equipment. If this funding had not been awarded, the City of Drake would no longer have a local grocery store.
- Between 2017-2020, example projects requiring Governor's funds included the following:
 - The City of Karlsruhe improved their lift station with grant funding of \$60,000 in 2017 (could not be a comprehensive lift station replacement, as urgent need projects do not allow for upgrades, only repairs addressing the cause of the urgent need).
 - The City of Granville replaced a water tower standpipe with grant funding of \$70,000 in 2019.
 - The City of Douglas replaced its sewer main with grant funding of \$61,175 in 2020.

2. PROPOSED CHANGE: COMPREHENSIVE PROJECTS

During the February 26, 2021 virtual meeting, DCS staff indicated HUD is concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive. This was used as partial justification for increasing the allowable minimum grant amount – to encourage larger, more comprehensive projects.

Response: A more expensive project does not always equal a more comprehensive project. Often a complete replacement project is not necessary, therefore not a prudent use of limited taxpayer funds. The minimum grant amounts we have recommended above paired with a more mindful selection process of comprehensive projects will help alleviate these concerns.

Referring to a multi-family housing project example, if a 4-plex needs a new roof because it is past its effective life, oftentimes a roof replacement may cost around \$25,000. A complete roof replacement should be considered a comprehensive project. With the new minimums, CDBG cannot be considered a source of funding for projects like this, unless a community has four different buildings that meet eligibility requirements, all needing a new roof, at the same time, assuming the community has matching funds to cover the additional expenses that go along with replacing four roofs. There are no other comparable alternative programs that communities can utilize for projects like this in North Dakota.

3. PROPOSED CHANGE: EMERGENCY/URGENT NEED PROJECTS NO LONGER CONSIDERED

During the February 26, 2021 virtual meeting, regional council staff across the state shared various difficult experiences in receiving a grant award in an acceptable timeframe for a community to address an urgent need project. DCS has indicated deferred maintenance projects are not eligible, however some projects are the result of the end of the useful life of infrastructure, and some urgent need applications are not a reflection of deferred maintenance.

Response: Addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the HUD CDBG program and we request collaboration to ensure it remains an option for North Dakota communities.

To help receive more timely awards and responses to urgent need applications, and better administer an urgent need project, we request that DCS provides the following in its Program Distribution Statements:

- A definition of an emergency project. For example, can a project be considered urgent need today when a gate valve is about to break, rather than when the valve breaks a few months from now?
- Information on how other states utilize CDBG for urgent need projects. Can HUD provide another state as a guiding example on how to better award and implement urgent need projects in North Dakota?
- Set a specific process to submit, review, and determine if a request will be funded.
- Example: Once a request is received, a response is available within 5-10 business days.
- Define what scoring and ranking criteria is used when reviewing an application for urgent need.
- Allow the regional council/applicant the opportunity to visit with DCS and Governor's Office staff to review the project verbally and answer any questions or concerns.

In addition to the above-noted concerns, SBPC would like to request the following changes:

1. REQUEST: INCREASE REGIONAL ALLOCATION

There is approximately \$4.2 million in the revolving and allocation sectors of the Governor's Fund. Unallocated funds must be returned to HUD. The regional councils request more funds be distributed to the regions. Councils can make a difference locally – throughout the entire state – if more CDBG is allocated to each region.

The significant increase in minimum grant amounts will directly affect the number of projects that can be allocated funds annually. More expensive projects will mean fewer projects yet requests routinely exceed the amount available.

2. REQUEST: INCREASE SCORING & RANKING CONTRACTS AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT MINIMUMS

The Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contract amounts for the regional councils has not increased in more than 15 years, however staffing costs have naturally increased with increased cost of living in North Dakota and staff experience. Managing the CDBG program requires on-going training, research, and expertise. The professional staff time needed to allocate funds on an annual basis has increased, however the amount of the contracts has not.

Increasing the amount of Scoring and Ranking contracts will assist in retaining working expertise to maintain this complex program regionally. Increased contracts will also more closely align with actual staff costs incurred to manage the program.

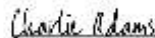
The comments above also applies for the allowable amount of grant management. Increasing the minimum allowable grant amount paid by CDBG should directly correlate with increasing the CDBG grant administration maximum. For example, CDBG grant administration on housing projects is 15% with a maximum \$15,000. However, the minimum grant amount is now \$200,000, which at 15% would equate to \$30,000. In this example, by not allowing the grant administration amount to directly correlate to the grant amount, regional councils are not receiving at least half of the funds needed for staff time to manage the complex program. If these minimums are not increased, regional councils will not be able to afford to maintain professional staff for program management, leading to decreased capacity to manage the program and ensure rules and regulations are followed.

Year	S&R Contract Amount	Actual Costs incurred	Loss
2016	\$7,365.25	\$7,561	\$(195.75)
2017	\$7,373.25	\$8,112	\$(738.75)
2018	\$7,617.63	\$15,364	\$(7,746.40)
2019	\$7,612	\$11,551	\$(3,939)
2020	\$7,643	\$10,362	\$(2,719)
5-Year Loss			\$(15,338.90)

In closing, SBPC requests a much more collaborative approach in administering the CDBG program on behalf of all ND regional councils. The Councils have built up internal capacity to administer this program for the region over the past five years and the staff members are the boots on the ground for the State of ND to provide local and regional insights. The CDBG program is an integral part of community enhancement in North Dakota, and SBPC would like this program to remain as a key resource for small, rural communities. Although the CDBG program is complex, the Regional Councils are a clear leading partner to ensure the success of the program as a viable resource for North Dakota communities.

Respectfully,


 Anthony Pandolfo, Chairman
 (Bowbells)


 Charles Adams, Vice Chairman
 (Bottineau County)

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Forderer, Tonya R.

From: Malo, Bonnie S.
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Forderer, Tonya R.; Lesmeister, Keiara L; Engelhard, Keylee M.
Subject: FW: CDBG changes

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Good Morning, Please reconsider the changes to raising the minimum grant for housing rehabilitation projects. I am a manager of a 24 unit apartment complex and the majority of our needs would not be covered if you raise the minimum. This is a very important program and would hurt many housing communities. Please do not raise the minimum grant amount for housing projects!

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Sincerely,

Barbara Teumer,
Manager
Parkview Housing, Inc.

Forderer, Tonya R.

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To: Forderer, Tonya R.; Lesmeister, Keiara L.; Engelhard, Keylee M.
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I work with non-profit multi-family housing projects across the state. These projects provide affordable housing for eligible households. Several of these projects have benefited from the use of CDBG funds. These funds have been used for accessibility and safety updates, project improvements, including roofs, siding, windows, doors, etc. Increasing the minimum grant amount to \$100,000 for housing would make it nearly impossible for these non-profit owners to qualify. Many times the improvements are only \$30,000 or more, however CDBG funds are the only way to complete the improvements without increasing rents for low income households. Our state has a continued need for affordable housing, and this is a great tool to keep housing affordable. I encourage you to re-consider the minimum grant amounts for housing projects in your 2021 allocations. Thank you.

Karen Lange

Loan Specialist

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Bonnie Malo, Director
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RE: 2021 CDBG Program Requirements

Ms. Malo,

Our Board of Directors learned at our quarterly meeting this week of the minimum project amount for the 2021 CDBG grant increasing to \$75,000.00. This increase will eliminate small community projects in our region from qualifying for funding. For example, in the last two years our agency has funded six projects ranging from \$20,000 to \$70,000.

We would like to express our concern and request that this amount be reduced to allow more local projects to be considered for funding. We are hopeful you will reach out to us as this matter is explored within your agency.

Sincerely,

Paul Gunderson, Ph.D
Vice President



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To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider this letter as a summary of comments and concerns regarding the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan from the South Central Dakota Regional Council (SCDRC). The SCDRC serves Region VI, including Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, Logan, LaMoure, McIntosh, Stutsman and Wells counties, in South Central North Dakota.

As partners in administration and management of the CDBG program, we are sharing our comments in response to proposed changes to the FY2021 CDBG program provided by ND Department of Commerce – Division of Community Services (DCS).

The following is a summary of concerns:

1. **PROPOSED CHANGE: INCREASED MINIMUM GRANT AMOUNT**

Response: The significant increase in the minimum grant amount will have a direct effect on all communities served, especially smaller communities with limited financial resources and infrastructure that has surpassed its expected design life. There is a significant number of communities in Region VI classified as low-to-moderate-income (LMI). Increased grant minimums will have a direct effect on the ability of those communities to utilize CDBG.

Many of our communities have expressed concern that the increase minimum grant amount will likely deter the cities in applying for CDBG funds for public facilities and housing projects. The increased minimums will require larger, more expensive projects which will also necessitate more local funds for engineering, grant administration, and for portions of the project not funded with CDBG. These small cities do not have funding to support the increased minimums in local funding this would require. These cities are looking for infrastructure projects and housing rehabilitation to improve their aging communities.



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It was noted during the February 26, 2021 conference call with DCS staff that HUD is requiring CDBG address more comprehensive projects in North Dakota than have been approved in the past. Increasing the minimum grant amount is meant to implement that. If an increase in the grant minimums is necessary, a less significant increase could likely still meet the goal.

The proposed minimum grant amount has increased anywhere from 100% to 900%:

Eligible Category	Previous Minimum	Proposed Minimum	Percent of Increase
Public Facilities & Public Services	\$20,000	\$75,000	275%
Single Family Housing	\$25,000	\$200,000	700%
Multi-Family Housing	\$25,000	\$100,000	300%
Economic Development – Retail Sector & Tourism	\$10,000	\$50,000	400%
Economic Development – Primary Sector	\$50,000	\$100,000	100%
Governor's Fund	\$10,000	\$100,000	900%

There are communities that have comprehensive public facilities projects that would not cost \$75,000. For example, some communities have been able to replace an entire lift station for less than the current public facilities grant amount of \$75,000.

SCDRC proposes that you do not increase these minimums at this time and leave them as they are.

2. **PROPOSED CHANGE: COMPREHENSIVE PROJECTS**

Response: HUD has indicated it is concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive, however applicants have a fiscal and ethical responsibility to only include what is necessary in a project's scope.

During the February 26, 2021 call with DCS staff, it was indicated HUD is concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive. This was used as partial justification for increasing the allowable minimum grant amount – to encourage larger, more comprehensive projects.

As an example, replacing the entire lift station is more comprehensive than replacing an operational component of the lift station like the control panel. However, a community with limited financial resources is not likely to replace an entire lift station unless necessary. Often a complete replacement is not necessary, therefore replacing the entire lift station would not be a prudent use of limited taxpayer funds.

3. **PROPOSED CHANGE: INCREASE REGIONAL ALLOCATION**

Response: This is a request of the regional councils to increase the amount of funds distributed to the regions. This can be done by decreasing the amount reserved annually for the Governor's Fund.

The significant increase in minimum grant amounts will likely directly affect the number of projects that can be allocated funds annually. More expensive projects will mean fewer projects. Yet, requests routinely exceed the amount available.



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There is approximately \$4.2 million currently in the revolving and allocation sectors of the Governor's Fund. Unallocated funds must be returned to HUD. The regional councils request more funds be distributed to the regions. We can make a difference locally – throughout the entire state – if more CDBG is allocated to each region.

4. PROPOSED CHANGE: INCREASE S&R CONTRACTS / PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Response: Increasing the amount of Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contracts will assist in retaining working expertise to maintain this complex program regionally. Increased S&R contracts will also more closely align with actual staff costs incurred to manage the program.

The amount of the Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contracts with the regional councils has not increased in more than 15 years, however staffing costs have not remained stagnant during the same period. Managing the CDBG program requires on-going training, research, and expertise. The professional staff time needed to allocate funds on an annual basis has increased, however the amount of the S&R contracts has not.

Professional staff costs in Region VI for the past four years are higher than the S&R contract amount. These costs happen before grant management begins for specific projects, as grant management is paid by the applicant. Staff are engaged in on-going research and vetting of potential projects prior to actual development of a CDBG application. This staff time, in addition to the actual scoring and ranking of projects, is intended to be covered under the S&R contract.

The same applies for the allowable amount of grant management. Increasing the minimum allowable grant amount should directly correlate with increasing the CDBG grant administration maximum. For example, CDBG grant administration on housing projects is 15% with a maximum \$15,000. However, the minimum grant amount is now \$200,000, which at 15% would equate to \$30,000. In this example, by not allowing the grant administration amount to directly correlate to the grant amount, regional councils are not receiving at least half of the funds needed for staff time to manage the complex program.

5. PROPOSED CHANGE: EMERGENCY/URGENT NEED PROJECTS

Response: Difficulties in meeting CDBG program requirements was noted as a potential reason why the state may no longer consider accepting urgent need project applications during the February 26, 2021 call with DCS staff. Yet, addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the CDBG program and we request collaboration to ensure it remains an option for North Dakota communities.

Governor's funding has been very difficult to acquire with the timelines that are on CDBG projects at this time. Those projects that are legitimate emergencies need to be addressed immediately as they are a detriment to the health and welfare of their communities. Additional funding put into our region's allocation would help ease this burden.

To help receive a timely award and better administer an urgent need project, we request:

- A definition of an emergency project. For example, can a project be considered an urgent need today when a gate valve is about to break, rather than when the valve breaks a few months from now?

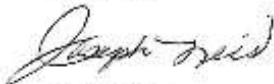


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- Information on how other states utilize CDBG for urgent need projects. Can HUD provide another state as a guiding example on how to better award and implement urgent need projects in North Dakota?
- Set a specific process to submit, review, and determine if a request will be funded.
 - Once a request is received, a response is available within 10 days, for example.
 - Define what criteria is used in deciding whether to fund a request.
 - Allow the regional council/applicant the opportunity to visit with DCS and Governor's Office staff to review the project verbally and answer any questions or concerns.

Although complex to implement and manage, the CDBG program continues to be an important resource in North Dakota. We, the SCDRC Board of Directors and Executive Director, appreciate your consideration of our comments on the FY2021 Action Plan.

Thank you,



Joseph Neis,
SCDRC Executive Board President



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Subject: FW: CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Public Comment

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To Whom It May Concern:

In reviewing the Community Block Grant program (CDBG) I kindly ask that you reconsider increasing the minimum grant amount for housing rehabilitation programs. The multi-family housing project that I manage has benefited from this program in the past and the continued use of the program would contribute to the success of our project. I am concerned that increasing the minimum grant funds would have severe adverse effects on our multi-family housing project.

Sincerely,

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Forderer, Tonya R.

From: Malo, Bonnie S.
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Forderer, Tonya R.; Lesmeister, Keiara L; Engelhard, Keylee M.
Subject: FW: Grant Amounts

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Subject: FW: Grant Amounts

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Good morning,

I am writing to encourage you to reconsider the minimum grant amount for raising the grant amounts for projects from \$25,000 to \$100,000. This change will have severe adverse effects on MFH projects.

This increased amount will make projects like the Fort Ransom Housing Authority in Fort Ransom, ND not qualify for assistance in the future.

We have six units in our complex and with the grant amount range in the \$25,000 figure, our housing authority would have better access to use the grant program.

If the grant amount is raised to \$100,000 – it will significantly impact our chance to ever qualify for a grant to make improvements to our housing authority.

Please reconsider the minimum grant amount for projects. Especially for the smaller projects like our housing authority.

Thank you.

Darrel Bjone
Manager of Fort Ransom Housing Authority
Fort Ransom, ND

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To Whom It May Concern:

As you are aware, Lewis and Clark Regional Development Council (LCRDC) is one of eight councils across the State of North Dakota that receives a yearly allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds administered by your office. We also have a yearly scoring and ranking contract. LCRDC has reviewed the FY2021 proposed changes to the CDBG program provided by your office and the draft of the 2021 Action Plan.

We have identified the following concerns:

1. **Proposed changes to the minimum grant amounts.** This significant increase in minimum grant amounts will have a negative impact on all eligible communities served in our region. Smaller communities that have limited financial resources will no longer be able to access funding and those having smaller projects will also be affected.
2. **Proposed changes concerning comprehensive projects.** A majority of the public facilities projects receiving CDBG funding in our region have an engineer involved and rely on their expertise to determine the project needs. Sometime this may only require a certain part or component of the project be repaired and not a complete replacement. The same can be said for our housing rehabilitation projects. Some of those projects only need a certain area addressed, i.e. new shingles. The whole roof does not need to be replaced in this instance, just new shingles, which will extend the life to another 20 years.
3. **Proposed changes concerning Emergency/Urgent need projects no longer considered.** As you are aware, addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the HUD CDBG program and we would like to see it remain an option for our regional communities. We would also like to see a definition of an emergency project; a better response time in determining whether or not the project will receive funding; and allow the applicant

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city/county the opportunity to present their project verbally in order to answer questions or concerns by DCS or the Governor's office.

Additional Concerns:

1. **Regional Allocation.** If there would be any unallocated funds from the Governor's Fund that are in danger of being returned to HUD, LCRDC would like to see those funds distributed to all eight of the regional councils across the state. As with most yearly requests by cities, the amount far exceeds the available funds to grant out.
2. **Scoring and ranking contracts and program administration minimums.** Scoring and ranking contracts have not had an increase for over 15 years; however, staff costs have increased tremendously over this time-period. LCRDC would like to see this area addressed and a concerted effort to make an increase. When it comes to program administration, if the grant minimums will be increased then the administration of those new grant minimums should also be directly related with grant administration increasing to be able to afford and maintain staff for this management.

The CDBG program is very important to Region VII and LCRDC would like this program to remain a key resource for those small, rural communities. We feel our partnership with DCS is very important in delivering this program and would like to ensure the success of the program and its continuance.

Sincerely,



Brent Ekstrom
Executive Director



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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this letter as a summary of comments and concerns regarding the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan from North Central Planning Council (NCPC). The NCPC serves Region III, including Benson, Eddy, Cavalier, Ramsey, Rolette and Towner counties, in north central North Dakota.

The NCPC Executive Board has reviewed the draft of the 2021 Action Plan via the DCS website and as partners in the administration and management of the CDBG program has authorized me to submit the following comments on their behalf. The following is a summary of concerns:

1. PROPOSED CHANGE: INCREASED MINIMUM GRANT AMOUNT

Comment: The significant increase in the minimum grant amount will have a direct effect on all communities served, especially smaller communities with limited financial resources and infrastructure that has surpassed its expected design life. In Region III **29 of the 40 cities currently meet the low-to-moderate-income (LMI) classification**. Increased grant minimums will have a direct effect on the ability of those communities to utilize CDBG as a significant number of projects are under \$75,000.

From 2016 to 2020 Region III received 29 pre-applications. Of the 23 projects that were approved and invited to submit a final application, 17 were under the new limit of \$75,000, and actually 13 of those were under \$15,000 as follows:

- 2016 had 5 projects funded, 4 of which were under the new limit of \$75,000 and 3 of those being much less, under \$50,000 projects.
- 2017 had 5 projects funded, 4 were under the new limit of \$75,000 and all 4 being much less, under \$50,000 projects.

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Professional planning staff represent and their governments in the counties of Benson, Eddy, Cavalier, Ramsey, Rolette, and Towner.

- 2018 had 5 projects funded, 4 were under the new limit of \$75,000 and 1 was under \$50,000
- 2019 had 3 projects funded, 1 was under \$75,000
- 2020 had 5 projects funded, 4 were under the new limit of \$75,000 and all 4 were projects under \$50,000.

If an increase in the grant minimums is necessary, a less significant increase could likely still meet the goal. As defined in the state draft plan the proposed minimum grant amount has increased anywhere from 100% to 900%:

Eligible Category	Previous Minimum	Proposed Minimum	Percent of Increase
Public Facilities & Public Services	\$20,000	\$75,000	275%
Single Family Housing	\$25,000	\$200,000	700%
Multi-Family Housing	\$25,000	\$200,000	700%
Economic Development – Retail Sector & Tourism	\$10,000	\$90,000	800%
Economic Development – Primary Sector	\$50,000	\$200,000	300%
Governor's Fund	\$10,000	\$200,000	900%

If these increases had been in place on the last five years, 17 of the 23 projects in Region II would not have met the project minimums. There are many comprehensive projects that have been done in Region III for less than \$75,000.

2. PROPOSED CHANGE: COMPREHENSIVE PROJECTS

Response: HUD has indicated it is concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive, however applicants have a fiscal and ethical responsibility to only include what is necessary in a project's scope.

During the February 26, 2021 call with DCS staff, it was indicated HUD is concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive. This was used as partial justification for increasing the allowable minimum grant amount to encourage larger, more comprehensive projects.

As an example, replacing the entire lift station is more comprehensive than replacing an operational component of the lift station like the control panel. Often a complete replacement is not necessary and a community is not likely to replace an entire lift station unless necessary as this would not be a prudent use of limited taxpayer funds.

2. PROPOSED CHANGE: INCREASE REGIONAL ALLOCATION

Response: Region III and other regional councils request an increase to the funding allocation distributed to the regions. This can be done by decreasing the amount reserved annually for the Governor's Fund.

The significant increase in minimum grant amounts will likely directly affect the number of projects that can be allocated funds annually. More expensive projects will mean fewer projects. The number of pre-applications Region III receives each year significantly exceeds the yearly funding allocation.

In the 2016–2020 time frame Region III has received the following requests for funding in the pre-applications:

- 2016 regional allocation was \$255,501 and total pre-application requests were \$294,771.
- 2017 regional allocation was \$256,175 and total pre-application requests were \$227,575.
- 2018 regional allocation was \$265,083 and total pre-application requests were \$350,925.
- 2019 regional allocation was \$260,447 and total pre-application requests were \$307,282.
- 2020 regional allocation was \$269,321 and total pre-application requests were \$436,510.

The five-year total requests exceed the total allocation by **\$326,866**. There is approximately \$4.2 million currently in the revolving and allocation sectors of the Governor's Fund. Unallocated funds must be returned to HUD. Through additional regional allocation we can make a difference locally and throughout the entire state.

3. PROPOSED CHANGE: INCREASE S&R CONTRACTS / PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Response: Increasing the amount of Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contracts will assist in retaining working expertise to maintain this complex program regionally. Increased S&R contracts will also more closely align with actual staff costs incurred to manage the program.

The amount of the Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contracts with the regional councils has not increased in more than 15 years, however staffing costs have not remained stagnant during the same period. Managing the CDBG program requires on-going training, research, and expertise. The professional staff time needed to allocate funds on an annual basis has increased, however the amount of the S&R contracts has not.

Scoring and ranking costs happen before grant management begins for specific projects, as grant management is paid by the applicant. Staff are engaged in on going research and vetting of potential projects prior to actual development of a CDBG application. This staff time, in addition to the actual scoring and ranking of projects, is intended to be covered under the S&R contract. From 2016-2020 the total of S&R contracts issued to Region III was \$37,621.13 and the total staff cost was \$44,403.39, which has created an expense to the Region Council of \$6,782.26.

In Region III, to get, keep, and train qualified staff the cost of staffing has increased significantly. For grant management, from 2016-2020 Region III received \$26,631, \$32,648, \$38,976, \$26,044 and \$30,000 respectively. The combined total for the S&R contract and project administration each year does not cover the cost of salary and fringe for one full-time employee to administer CDBG projects.

Increasing the minimum allowable grant amount should directly correlate with increasing the CDBG grant administration maximum. For example, CDBG grant administration on housing projects is 15% with a maximum \$25,000. However, the minimum grant amount is now \$200,000, which at 15% would

equates to \$30,000. In this example, by not allowing the grant administration amount to directly correlate to the grant amount, regional councils are not receiving at least half of the funds needed for staff time to manage the complex program.

4. PROPOSED CHANGE: EMERGENCY/URGENT NEED PROJECTS

Response: Difficulties in meeting CDBG program requirements was noted as a potential reason why the state may no longer consider accepting urgent need project applications during the February 26, 2021 call with DCS staff. Addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the CDBG program, and is important to the communities in Region III. Additional collaboration and training would be beneficial to the City/County and administrator so that urgent need projects could remain an option for North Dakota communities.

The following are a few areas where additional collaboration and training would provide benefit so that projects receive a timely award:

- A definition of an emergency project. For example, can a project be considered an urgent need today when a gate valve is about to break, rather than when the valve breaks a few months from now?
- Information on how other states utilize CDBG for urgent need projects. Can HUD provide another state as a guiding example on how to better award and implement urgent need projects in North Dakota?
- Set a specific process to submit, review, and determine if a request will be funded.
 - o Once a request is received, a response is available within 10 days, for example.
 - o Define what criteria is used in deciding whether to fund a request.
 - o Allow the regional council/applicant the opportunity to visit with DCS and Governor's Office staff to review the project verbally and answer any questions or concerns.

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The CDBG program is a vital part in the viability of many small communities in Region III. NCPC appreciates their relationship with the DCS and the CDBG program. As partners we look forward to a collaborative approach in administering the CDBG program. The NCPC Board of Directors and Executive Director, appreciate your consideration of our comments on the FY2021 Action Plan.

Sincerely,



Sandra Shively
Executive Director



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April 26, 2021

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this letter as a summary of comments and concerns regarding the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan from the North Dakota Association of Regional Councils (NDARC). The NDARC represents and is made up of the eight established regions in North Dakota.

As partners in administration and management of the CDBG program, we are sharing our comments in response to proposed changes to the FY2021 CDBG program provided by ND Department of Commerce – Division of Community Services (DCS) staff during a virtual meeting held with regional councils on February 26, 2021. Regional councils held a follow-up virtual meeting on March 10, 2021 to discuss proposed changes and potential negative impacts. The draft of the 2021 Action Plan was also reviewed via the DCS website.

The NDARC has identified the following concerns:

1. PROPOSED CHANGE: INCREASED MINIMUM GRANT AMOUNT

It was noted by DCS staff during the February 26, 2021 virtual meeting that HUD is requiring CDBG address more comprehensive projects in North Dakota than have been approved in the past and increasing the minimum grant amount is meant to meet this requirement.

Response: The new minimums in 2021 have been increased between 100% and 900%.

Eligible Category	Previous Minimum	Proposed Minimum	Increase
Public Facilities & Public Services	\$20,000	\$75,000	275%
Single Family Housing	\$25,000	\$200,000	700%
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Economic Development – Primary Sector	\$50,000	\$100,000	100%
Governor's Fund	\$10,000	\$100,000	900%

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The significant increase in the minimum grant amounts for all project types will have a negative impact on all eligible communities served, particularly smaller communities with limited financial resources, infrastructure that has surpassed its expected design life, and deteriorated housing available for low- to moderate-income families. The members of the NDARC are gravely concerned about the communities who will no longer be able to access funding, potentially leading to further deterioration of our rural communities, leading to negative impacts on the North Dakota CDBG program.

2. **PROPOSED CHANGE: COMPREHENSIVE PROJECTS**

During the February 26, 2021 virtual meeting, DCS staff indicated HUD is concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive. This was used as partial justification for increasing the allowable minimum grant amount – to encourage larger, more comprehensive projects.

Response: A more expensive project does not always equal a more comprehensive project. Often a complete replacement project is not necessary, therefore not a prudent use of limited taxpayer funds.

Some communities have been able to replace an entire lift station for less than the current public facilities grant amount of \$75,000. Referring to the above lift station example, with the new requirements, replacing the entire lift station is more comprehensive than replacing an operational component of the lift station like the control panel. However, a community with limited financial resources is not likely to replace an entire lift station unless necessary, and we rely on engineering professionals to make these determinations. Often a complete replacement is not necessary, therefore replacing the entire lift station would not be a prudent use of limited taxpayer funds.

Referring to a multi-family housing project example, if a 4-plex needs a new roof because it is past its effective life, oftentimes a roof replacement will cost around \$25,000. A complete roof replacement should be considered a comprehensive project. With the new minimums, CDBG cannot be considered a source of funding for projects like this, unless a community has four different buildings that meet eligibility requirements, all needing a new roof, at the same time, assuming the community has matching funds to cover the additional expenses that go along with replacing four roofs. There are no other comparable alternative programs that communities can utilize for projects like this in North Dakota.

3. **PROPOSED CHANGE: EMERGENCY/URGENT NEED PROJECTS NO LONGER CONSIDERED**

During the February 26, 2021 virtual meeting, regional council staff across the state shared various difficult experiences in receiving a grant award in an acceptable timeframe for a community to address an urgent need project. DCS has indicated deferred maintenance projects are not eligible, however some projects are the result of the end of the useful life of infrastructure, and some urgent need applications are not a reflection of deferred maintenance.

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Response: Addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the HUD CDBG program and we request collaboration to ensure it remains an option for North Dakota communities.

To help receive more timely awards and responses to urgent need applications, and better administer an urgent need project, we request that DCS provides the following in its Program Distribution Statements:

- A definition of an emergency project. For example, can a project be considered urgent need today when a gate valve is about to break, rather than when the valve breaks a few months from now?
- Information on how other states utilize CDBG for urgent need projects. Can HUD provide another state as a guiding example on how to better award and implement urgent need projects in North Dakota?
- Set a specific process to submit, review, and determine if a request will be funded.
 - Example: Once a request is received, a response is available within 5-10 business days.
 - Define what scoring and ranking criteria is used when reviewing an application for urgent need.
 - Allow the regional council/applicant the opportunity to visit with DCS and Governor's Office staff to review the project verbally and answer any questions or concerns.

In addition to the above-noted concerns, the NDARC would like to request the following changes:

1. REQUEST: INCREASE REGIONAL ALLOCATION

There is approximately \$4.2 million in the revolving and allocation sectors of the Governor's Fund. Unallocated funds must be returned to HUD. The regional councils request more funds be distributed to the regions. Councils can make a difference locally – throughout the entire state – if more CDBG is allocated to each region.

The significant increase in minimum grant amounts will directly affect the number of projects that can be allocated funds annually. More expensive projects will mean fewer projects, yet, requests routinely exceed the amount available.

2. REQUEST: INCREASE SCORING & RANKING CONTRACTS AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT MINIMUMS

The Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contract amounts for the regional councils has not increased in more than 15 years, however staffing costs have naturally increased with increased cost of living in North Dakota and staff experience. Managing the CDBG program requires on-going training, research, and expertise. The professional staff time needed to allocate funds on an annual basis has increased, however the amount of the contracts has not.

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Increasing the amount of Scoring and Ranking contracts will assist in retaining working expertise to maintain this complex program regionally. Increased contracts will also more closely align with actual staff costs incurred to manage the program.

The comments above also apply for the allowable amount of grant management. Increasing the minimum allowable grant amount paid by CDBG should directly correlate with increasing the CDBG grant administration maximum. For example, CDBG grant administration on housing projects is 15% with a maximum \$15,000. However, the minimum grant amount is now \$200,000, which at 15% would equate to \$30,000. In this example, by not allowing the grant administration amount to directly correlate to the grant amount, regional councils are not receiving at least half of the funds needed for staff time to manage the complex program. If these minimums are not increased, regional councils will not be able to afford to maintain professional staff for program management, leading to decreased capacity to manage the program and ensure rules and regulations are followed.

In closing, the NDARC requests a much more collaborative approach in administering the CDBG program on behalf of all ND regional councils. The Councils have built up internal capacity to administer this program for the region over the past five years and the staff members are the boots on the ground for the State of ND to provide local and regional insights. The CDBG program is an integral part of community enhancement in North Dakota, and the NDARC would like this program to remain as a key resource for small, rural communities. Although the CDBG program is complex, the Regional Councils are a clear leading partner to ensure the success of the program as a viable resource for North Dakota communities.

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As the City Auditor of Glen Ullin, I oppose the proposed plan to increase the minimum grant amount of \$25,000 to \$75,000 on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for 2021 allocations. Sometimes we have a small project that the City can't afford and it seems silly to add additional items to the grant just to hit a minimum amount. It ties up funds that could be better used for multiple cities' small projects rather than a larger project with fluff added to meet the minimum requirement. Maybe \$25,000 is too low, but a compromise of possibly \$35,000 or \$40,000 would be more realistic. As a city that has received multiple grants from the CDBG program, we are in the process of applying for a grant that would best be served with a lower minimum threshold. I respectfully request that the minimum amount remain the same or slightly higher. Thank you for your consideration.

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April 21, 2021

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RE: **Comments and Questions for FY21 Annual Action Plan and Program Distribution Statement**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the FY21 Annual Action Plan and its attendant Program Distribution Statement. This letter also contains comments regarding the proposed policy changes affecting grant award implementation which have been previously discussed between the Division of Community Services and the regional councils. The ideas presented herein are aimed at making the program more efficient and timely given the limitations presented by HUD.

We recognize that each regional council has varying levels of staff capacity and offers different products and services outside of the CDBG program. These comments and questions reflect Lake Agassiz Regional Council's circumstances. These do not necessarily reflect that of other councils.

Regional Allocation Amounts

We encourage providing a greater share of the State's appropriation to the regions and less towards the Governor's Fund. Greater amounts at the regional level will encourage pre-applications from larger scale projects. Since HUD is encouraging that projects be comprehensive in nature, however that may be defined by them, it would be necessary to increase the amount regions can award per year.

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The rules and regulations of the CDBG program inherently privilege those larger projects which are either full-scale rehabilitation of buildings or relatively substantial public infrastructure improvements. Small grants are often not feasible given the capacity constraints for all parties involved.

One example is when a jurisdiction wishes to undertake a project using majority local or state-appropriated funds but will need to fill in a gap in the funding stack. Bringing federal dollars into the project triggers numerous requirements that invariably increase costs and complexity. Dealing with those requirements may be worth the extra hassle unless the grant is decently large enough. It is not worth it to the applicant to complicate a project with federal dollars if the grant is quite small.

Another example is those cases where CDBG can be paired with USDA Rural Development. These programs pair well together since RD funds trigger the same requirements and processes as CDBG. However, the USDA office in North Dakota is allocated very little dollars which can be granted out for public facilities and infrastructure projects. Additionally, USDA uses a different data source to use for determining whether a community is eligible for any grant funds in the first place. Towns which would qualify under CDBG may not for an USDA RD grant. Bringing in CDBG reduces the amount cities need to borrow as well as reduces the increases in households' water bills.

Governor's Fund

Regardless of whether or not the aforementioned share of the overall allocation between Governor's Fund and regions is changed, allowing the Governor's Fund to support more project types can be decided independently. Currently, the only types it can fund are Economic Development, Urgent Need, and special needs housing (i.e. permanent supportive housing).

As evidenced by the high level of funds remaining in the Governor's Fund throughout the year, those types of projects come about infrequently. Using CDBG as a tool for economic development is made more burdensome due to the job creation requirements. In our region at least, job creation is not a priority; finding qualified employees for the positions a ready open is the priority. Therefore, it has been found to be an ill-suited tool for economic development purposes.

Urgent Need is problematic given it is only in rare occurrences that a City - whose infrastructure was damaged by storm or disaster - will have the funds for a temporary fix while waiting until the application and environmental review processes are approved. If an emergency comes up, it is something that must be addressed immediately and not months down the road. Nor do most cities have enough funds on hand to even do the temporary fix in the first place.

One option to consider is allowing for communities to apply for projects with a benefit to LMI persons if the regional council has dedicated its entire allocation at the scoring and ranking meeting. These applications may arise during the course of the program year but do not meet the Urgent Need criteria. They would come in after the scoring and ranking meeting but do not necessarily need to wait until the following year's pre-application round.

Another option is to allow for more kinds of special projects in addition to permanent supportive housing. The food bank in West Fargo being one notable example. The need arose once the pandemic started. Clarifying it is an eligible project would have meant the Governor's office could act on approving the pre application.

Grant Minimums and Maximums

The rules and regulations tied to the CDBG program inherently make small projects more difficult to administer. We understand the reasoning behind DCS's decision to increase minimums. However, there can be projects falling below the minimum which nonetheless constitute a complete and well-conceived application. We would appreciate flexibility when it comes to those kinds of applications.

If CDBG cannot be used for those smaller scale projects, then we will support efforts to create an alternative program – tailored to the conditions of rural North Dakota – with State appropriations. We will gladly assist Commerce in examining this idea.

Environmental Review

In order to remedy any shortcomings with the environmental reviews, LARC staff will complete HUD's WISER training modules. Also, HUD's checklists are to be used to ensure critical items are not forgotten. It may be beneficial to all of the regional councils for Commerce or its consultants to host trainings on how to properly undertake an environmental review.

Miscellaneous Questions

The following are questions which we would appreciate clarification:

- On page 51 of the PDS – i.e. page 204 of the entire document – it is mentioned that all water and sewer projects must be reviewed and approved by the State Health Department. Would that not now be the Department of Environmental Quality, specifically the Division of Municipal Services? That is due to the department being split off into two a few years ago.

- Recently we have received calls from daycare operators interested in the CDLF. Would daycares fall under "retail sector and tourism"? In other words, does that term include service business as well?
- There are several examples across the country of grants given to community colleges for purchasing equipment used in their curriculum. A common example has been purchasing equipment for a mock hospital room in which nursing students can practice on dummies.

These grants are considered to be economic development since the students hired by a partner company are counted towards the job creation requirement. This would mean we can tap into the region's large amount of CDLF dollars. HUD allows grants to institutions of higher education who engage in eligible activities. Can we add some clarification to the Program Distribution Statement confirming these are eligible under North Dakota's program?

Sincerely,



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Good Afternoon,

My comments are related to the proposed changes being considered to the 2021 Community Development Block Grant allocations. Increasing the minimum amount from \$25,000 to \$100,000 for housing rehabilitation projects would not allow many smaller projects to be funded. Why would you want to disincentivize small projects from being completed? Bigger is not always better. Please reconsider the proposed changes. Thank you.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this letter as a summary of comments and concerns regarding the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan from the Red River Regional Council (RRRC). The RRRC serves Region IV, including Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, and Walsh counties, in northeast North Dakota. This letter was reviewed and approved by the Regional Council's Board of Directors on April 21, 2021. The Board of Directors is comprised of many local elected officials with 11 of the 14 representing cities, counties, and businesses which have directly benefitted from the CDBG program in the past.

As partners in administration and management of the CDBG program, we are sharing our comments in response to proposed changes to the FY2021 CDBG program provided by ND Department of Commerce – Division of Community Services (DCS) staff during a call held with all regional council staff on February 26, 2021. The regional council staff held a follow-up conference call on March 10, 2021 to discuss proposed changes and potential negative impacts. The draft of the 2021 Action Plan was also reviewed via the DCS website.

The following is a summary of concerns:

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It was noted during the February 26, 2021 conference call with DCS staff that HUD is requiring CDBG address more comprehensive projects in North Dakota than have been approved in the past. Increasing the minimum grant amount is meant to implement that.

Response: The significant increase in the minimum grant amount will have a direct effect on all communities served, especially smaller communities with limited financial resources and infrastructure that has surpassed its expected design life. There are a significant number of communities in Region IV classified as low-to-moderate-income (LMI). Increased grant minimums will have a direct effect on the ability of those communities to utilize CDBG.

If an increase in the grant minimums is necessary, a less significant increase could likely still meet the goal. The new 2021 minimums will equate to increases between 100% - 900%, which is adversely significant.

Three communities in Region IV, the City of Hoople in Walsh County, and the cities of Crystal and Mountain in Pembina County, have already expressed concern that the increased minimum grant amount will likely deter the cities in applying for CDBG funds for public facilities and housing projects. The increased minimums will require larger, more expensive projects which will also necessitate more local funds for engineering, grant administration, and for portions of the project not funded with CDBG. Projects these cities are considering include multi-family housing rehabilitation and/or construction, replacement of the control panel at a lagoon, sidewalk replacement, and replacement of storm sewer gate valves. Populations of these cities range from 89 to 342 residents. The LMI rates in these communities range from 50% to 67%.

The proposed minimum grant amount has increased anywhere from 100% to 900%:

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There are communities that have comprehensive public facilities projects that would not cost \$75,000. For example, some communities have been able to replace an entire lift station for less than the current public facilities grant amount of \$75,000.

Additionally, in Region IV, 26 of the 41 cities (63%) are classified as low or moderate income (LMI) communities according to U.S. Census data. This means the opportunity for low populated, high LMI communities to utilize CDBG will become increasingly difficult.

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Response: HUD has indicated it is concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive, however applicants have a fiscal and ethical responsibility to only include what is necessary in a project's scope. A more expensive project does not always equate to a more comprehensive project.

As an example, replacing the entire lift station is more comprehensive than replacing an operational component of the lift station like the control panel. However, a community with limited financial resources is not likely to replace an entire lift station unless necessary. Often a complete replacement is not necessary, therefore replacing the entire lift station would not be a prudent use of limited taxpayer funds.

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Response: Addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the CDBG program and we request collaboration to ensure it remains an option for North Dakota communities.

Difficulties in meeting CDBG program requirements was noted as a potential reason why the state may no longer consider accepting urgent need project applications.

To help receive a timely award and better administer an urgent need project, we request:

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 - Example: Once a request is received, a response is available within 10 days.
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 - Allow the regional council/applicant the opportunity to visit with DCS and Governor's Office staff to review the project verbally and answer any questions or concerns.

RRRC REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION

In addition to the above-noted concerns, the RRRC requests the following considerations:

1. INCREASE REGIONAL ALLOCATION

This is a request of the regional councils to increase the amount of funds distributed to the regions. This can be done by decreasing the amount reserved annually for the Governor's Fund.

There is approximately \$4.2 million currently in the revolving and allocation sectors of the Governor's Fund. Unallocated funds must be returned to HUD. The regional councils request more funds be distributed to the regions. We can make a difference locally – throughout the entire state – if more CDBG is allocated to each region.

The significant increase in minimum grant amounts will likely directly affect the number of projects that can be allocated funds annually. More expensive projects will mean fewer projects. Yet, requests routinely exceed the amount available.

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Increasing the amount of Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contracts will assist in retaining working expertise to maintain this complex program regionally. Increased S&R contracts will also more closely align with actual staff costs to manage the program.

The amount of the S&R contracts with the regional councils has not increased in more than 15 years, however staffing costs have naturally increased with increased cost of living and staff experience. Managing the CDBG program requires on-going training, research, and expertise. The professional staff time needed to allocate funds on an annual basis has increased, however the amount of the S&R contracts has not.

Professional staff costs in Region IV for the past four years are 24%-42% higher than the S&R contract amount. These costs happen before grant management begins for specific projects, as grant management is paid by the applicant. Staff are engaged in on-going research and vetting of potential projects prior to actual development of a CDBG application. This staff time, in addition to the actual scoring and ranking of projects, is intended to be covered under the S&R contract.

The chart below shows S&R contract amounts and actual Region IV staff costs from 2017-2020:

Year	Scoring & Ranking Contract Amount	Actual Staff Costs	Loss
2017	\$7,373	\$11,622	-\$4,249
2018	\$7,618	\$13,112	-\$5,495
2019	\$7,622	\$10,679	-\$3,058
2020	\$7,643	\$10,068	-\$2,426
TOTAL	\$30,256	\$45,481	-\$15,228
		Actual cost is 150% of S&R contract amount	

The same comments apply for the allowable amount of grant management. Increasing the minimum allowable grant amount should directly correlate with increasing the CDBG grant administration maximum.

For example, CDBG grant administration on housing projects is 15% with a maximum \$15,000. However, the minimum grant amount is now \$200,000, which at 15% would equate to \$30,000. In this example, by not allowing the grant administration amount to directly correlate to the grant amount, regional councils are not receiving at least half of the funds necessary for staff time to manage the complex program.

If these minimums are not increased, regional councils may not be able to afford to maintain professional staff for program management, leading to decreased capacity to manage the program and ensure rules and regulations are followed.

CLOSING

As partners we request a more collaborative approach in administering the CDBG program in Region IV. The RRRC has built the internal capacity to successfully implement and administer this program for Region IV over the past seven years. Staff are the boots on the ground for the state to provide local and regional insights as well as potential negative impacts. RRRC staff are a leading partner to ensure the success of the program as a viable resource for Region IV communities.

We have many examples of how the CDBG program has provided an integral piece to community enhancement in northeast North Dakota, while still meeting the national objectives of the program. We want this program to remain a key resource for rural communities.

We, the RRRC Board of Directors and Executive Director, appreciate your consideration of our comments on the FY2021 Action Plan.

Sincerely,


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Dear Ms. Malo;

Please consider this correspondence as a summary of comments and concerns from our regional council in regard to the proposed changes to the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan being promulgated by the state.

In reviewing the proposed changes to the CDBG Action Plan, we have the following issues and /or recommendations regarding the increased minimum grant amounts, comprehensive projects, and emergency projects.

Our comments on the increased minimum grant amounts are as follows:

Eligible Activity	Previous Program Minimum	Proposed Minimum by State	TCRDC Proposed Minimum
Public Facilities & Public Services	\$20,000	\$75,000	\$35,000
Single Family Housing	\$25,000	\$200,000	\$35,000
Multi-Family Housing	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$35,000
Econ Dev – Retail & Tourism	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$20,000
Econ Dev – Primary Sector	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$50,000
Governors Set Aside Fund	\$10,000	\$100,000	\$25,000

In our opinion, we feel the increase to the minimum grant amounts will result in less applications to the program as many of the smaller communities in our region will have projects under the proposed minimum amounts. Since 1993, our regional council has administered approximately 39 public facility projects that were under \$100,000. The majority of the projects, 24 of them, were under \$ 50,000. Projects such as water meter replacement, ADA accessible activities, water distribution lines, curb stops, lift stations, hydrants, etc. have all been completed in our communities. Most or all of the infrastructure in our communities was installed at least 50 years ago and is reaching the end of its useful life. As communities go, they usually replace the

infrastructure when they can afford it. In our region, finances have been challenging the last few years due to the cyclical nature of the energy development, the decrease in oil impact funding, the decrease in sales/property tax revenue, the limited tax base, etc. All of the aforementioned factors affect a community's resources and their ability to plan and complete infrastructure projects.

I believe across the state as well as in our region, the CDBG program is one of the few grant programs that our small communities can access to address some of their infrastructure needs. Changing access to the program, by significantly increasing the threshold amounts, is going to have a negative impact on our small communities in western North Dakota.

If there is going to be an increase to the minimum threshold amounts, in our region we are requesting that the increases be minimal, according to our table above.

There is also a concern from HUD that our projects in North Dakota should be larger comprehensive projects. In our region, out of 16 communities, we have only two communities with populations above 3,000 people. The rest of the communities have less than 1,200 people each. Our communities are rural in nature and their needs are going to be different than other states which may be more urbanized. Larger comprehensive projects may not be realistic for most of our small communities due to the cost of the project, limited access to grant funding, limited tax base to draw from, and bonding capacity that may be at the limit. As I stated above, our communities are very cautious in addressing their needs. Some of our communities have been burned in the past with over-development during energy booms so they take a very pragmatic approach to their needs.

By requiring larger comprehensive projects as one of the prerequisites to CDBG program eligibility, it will limit the ability of our smaller communities to even access the program. **The regional council response to this recommendation is that each state should be allowed to design their programs/guidelines according to the populations and/or communities they serve.** The one size fits all concept does not always work when you have urban and rural areas being served by the same program. Especially in a region of the state where the CDBG program is one of the only viable alternatives in addressing community needs.

The last issue we would like to comment on is the termination of the emergency/urgent need option in the CDBG program. While the communities in our region may not have accessed the emergency/urgent need activity as much as other regional councils in the state, we still believe there is a need to continue on with the national objective of the CDBG program. It appears that there are some issues with the definition of an emergency/urgent need project and the timeframe from the state in responding to an emergency application from a regional council. **It is our recommendation that: 1) the state needs to provide a definition of an emergency/urgent need, 2) the state needs to implement written timelines for responses to emergency/urgent need applications, and 3) the state needs to develop and implement a process of interaction/communication between the applicant, regional council, and the Governor's staff to discuss the application and any questions/concerns in regard to the application before any funding decision is reached.**

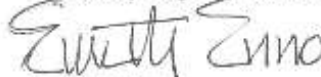
One of the issues not brought up by the recent HUD review of the state but which has been an issue with regional councils for years is the distribution of the regional allocation. For the past several years, all of the regional councils have been expressing their need for additional CDBG funds at the regional council level to address the needs/applications within their region. Our regional councils always receive more applications for funding than what is available in the

regional allocation. It is our belief that our regional councils should be receiving the full amount of CDBG funds that are currently in the revolving loan fund and Governor's Set Aside programs at the state level. Our regional councils are not requesting additional funding, we are only requesting that the state transfer the revolving loan funds and Governors Set Aside funds back to the regional councils to be used in community development activities. Regional councils do an excellent job in assisting communities, having additional funding to work with will only enhance those abilities and capacities.

In closing, our regional council would like to comment on the working relationship we have had with the Division of Community Services and other staff at the state level with respect to the Community Development Block Grant program. While we have not always agreed on everything, we have always worked together in a positive manner to address the needs of western North Dakota. We understand changes may be coming, programs are always evolving. But, it only makes sense to develop and promulgate those changes with the assistance of regional councils. We are the eyes and ears of the state when it comes to the regional issues, needs, etc. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely;

Tri-County Regional Development Council

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Everett Enno". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being the most prominent parts.

Everett Enno
Executive Director

Action Plan - 2021 Public Comments			
Where comment came from:	What they want to change:	Summary of Response:	DCS Response
North Basin Planning Council - Joseph Reis (pt. 2)	Comprehensive Projects	HUD has indicated concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive; however, applicants have a fiscal and ethical responsibility to only include what is necessary in a project's scope. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reason of the new minimum dollar amounts.
North Basin Planning Council - Anthony Pardofo and Charles Adams (pt. 3)	Comprehensive Projects	A more expensive project does not always equal a more comprehensive project. Often a complete replacement project is not necessary, therefore not a prudent use of limited taxpayer funds. The minimum grant amounts we have recommended above paired with a more mindful selection process of comprehensive projects will help alleviate these concerns. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reason of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Lewis & Clark - Brent Ekstrom (pt. 3)	Comprehensive Projects	A majority of the public facilities projects receiving CDBG funding in our region have an engineer involved and rely on their expertise to determine the project needs. Sometimes this may only require a certain part or component of the project be replaced and not a complete replacement. The same can be said for our housing rehabilitation projects. Some of those projects only need a certain area addressed, i.e. new shingles. The whole roof does not need to be replaced in this instance, just new shingles, which will extend the life to another 20 years.	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reason of the new minimum dollar amounts.
North Central Planning Council - Sandra Skoway (pt. 2)	Comprehensive Projects	HUD has indicated concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive; however, applicants have a fiscal and ethical responsibility to only include what is necessary in a project's scope. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reason of the new minimum dollar amounts.
NDARE - Lindsay Lindquist and Brent Ekstrom (pt. 3)	Comprehensive Projects	A more expensive project does not always equal a more comprehensive project. Often a complete replacement project is not necessary, therefore not a prudent use of limited taxpayer funds. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reason of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Red River - Chris Lysak and Dawn Mandt	Comprehensive Projects	HUD has indicated concerned projects in North Dakota are not comprehensive; however, applicants have a fiscal and ethical responsibility to only include what is necessary in a project's scope. A more expensive does not always equate to a more comprehensive project. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reason of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Tri County Regional Development Council Executive Board (pt. 2)	Comprehensive Projects	There is a concern from HUD that our projects in ND should be larger comprehensive projects. In our region, out of 18 communities, we have less than 1,200 people each, our communities are rural in nature and their needs are going to be different than other states which may be more industrial. Larger comprehensive projects may not be realistic for most of our small communities due to the cost of the project, limited access to grant funding, limited tax base to draw from, and the bonding capacity that may be at the limit. As I stated above, our communities are very cautious in addressing their needs. Some of our communities have been burned in the past with over-development during energy booms so they take a very pragmatic approach to their needs. The HC response to this recommendation is that each state should be allowed to design their programs/guidelines according to the population and/or communities they serve.	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reason of the new minimum dollar amounts.
North Basin Planning Council - Joseph Reis (pt. 3)	Emergency/Urgent Need Projects	Difficulties in meeting CDBG program requirements was cited as a potential reason why the state may no longer consider accepting urgent need project applications during the February 26, 2021 call with DCS staff. Yet, addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the CDBG program and we request collaboration to ensure it remains an option for North Dakota communities. To help receive a timely award and better administer an urgent need project, we request 1) a definition of an emergency project, 2) information on how other states utilize CDBG for urgent need projects, 3) set a specific process to submit, review, and determine if a request will be funded (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services will provide a checklist on our website for 2021 funds and going forward. A new link will be created on the DCS website specifically for the Governor's Fund. *This decision is dependent on the outcome of the current HUD monitoring.
North Basin Planning Council - Anthony Pardofo and Charles Adams (pt. 3)	Emergency/Urgent Need Projects	Addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the HUD CDBG program and we request collaboration to ensure it remains an option for North Dakota communities. To help receive a timely award and better administer an urgent need project, we request 1) a definition of an emergency project, 2) information on how other states utilize CDBG for urgent need projects, 3) set a specific process to submit, review, and determine if a request will be funded, 4) define what scoring and ranking criteria is used when reviewing an application for urgent need, 5) allow the HC/applicant the opportunity to visit with DCS and Gov's Office staff to review the project verbally and answer any questions or concerns. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services will provide a checklist on our website for 2021 funds and going forward. A new link will be created on the DCS website specifically for the Governor's Fund. *This decision is dependent on the outcome of the current HUD monitoring.
Lewis & Clark - Brent Ekstrom (pt. 3)	Emergency/Urgent Need Projects	As you are aware, addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the HUD CDBG program and we would like to see it remain an option for our regional communities. We would also like to see a definition of an emergency project, a better response time in determining whether or not the project will receive funding, and allow the applicant opportunity the opportunity to present their project verbally in order to answer questions or concerns by DCS or the Governor's office.	The Division of Community Services will provide a checklist on our website for 2021 funds and going forward. A new link will be created on the DCS website specifically for the Governor's Fund. *This decision is dependent on the outcome of the current HUD monitoring.

North Central Planning Council – Sandy Shively (pt. 5)	Emergency/Urgent Need Projects	Difficulties in meeting CDBG program requirements was noted as a potential reason why the state may no longer consider accepting urgent need project applications during the February 26, 2021 call with DCS staff. Yet, addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the CDBG program and is important to the communities in Region 3. Additional collaboration and training would be beneficial to the City/County and administrator so that urgent need projects could remain an option for RD communities. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services will provide a checklist on our website for 2021 funds and going forward. A new link will be created on the DCS website specifically for the Governor's Fund. *This decision is dependent on the outcome of the current HUD monitoring.
RDARC – Lynsae Erickson and Brent Ekstrom (pt. 4)	Emergency/Urgent Need Projects	Addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the HUD CDBG program and we request collaboration to ensure it remains an option for North Dakota communities. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services will provide a checklist on our website for 2021 funds and going forward. A new link will be created on the DCS website specifically for the Governor's Fund. *This decision is dependent on the outcome of the current HUD monitoring.
Red River – Chris Luptak and Dawn Mayall	Emergency/Urgent Need Projects	Addressing urgent need projects is a national objective of the CDBG program and we request collaboration to ensure it remains an option for RD communities. Difficulties in meeting CDBG program requirements was noted as a potential reason why the state may no longer consider accepting urgent need project applications. To help receive a timely award and better administer an urgent need project, we request: a definition of an emergency project, information on how other states utilize CDBG for urgent need projects, and/or specific process to submit/review/determine if a request can be funded. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services will provide a checklist on our website for 2021 funds and going forward. A new link will be created on the DCS website specifically for the Governor's Fund. *This decision is dependent on the outcome of the current HUD monitoring.
To-County Regional Development Council – Everett Enns (pt. 3)	Emergency/Urgent Need Projects	While the communities in our region may not have accessed the emergency/urgent need activity as much as other regional councils in the state, we still believe there is a need to continue on with the national objective of the CDBG program. It appears that there are some issues with the definition of an emergency/urgent need project and the timeline from the state in regards to an emergency application from a RC. It is our recommendation that: 1) the state needs to provide a definition of an emergency/urgent need, 2) the state needs to implement written timelines for responses to emergency/urgent need applications, and 3) the state needs to develop and implement a process of interaction/communication between the applicant, RC, and the Governor's staff to discuss the application and any questions/concerns in regard to the application before any funding decision is reached.	The Division of Community Services will provide a checklist on our website for 2021 funds and going forward. A new link will be created on the DCS website specifically for the Governor's Fund. *This decision is dependent on the outcome of the current HUD monitoring.
Lake Agency – Thomas Jefferson and Amber Metz (pt. 4)	Environmental Review	In order to remedy any shortcomings with the environmental review, LARC staff will complete HUD's W818K training modules. Also, HUD's checklist are to be used to ensure critical items are not forgotten. It may be beneficial to all of the regional councils for Commission or its consultants to host trainings on how to properly undertake an environmental review.	The Division of Community Services is currently working on putting together an Environmental training. Further information will be posted on our website.
Lake Agency – Thomas Jefferson and Amber Metz (pt. 2)	Governor's Fund	Regardless of whether or not the aforementioned share of the overall allocation between Governor's Fund and region is changed, allowing the Governor's Fund to support more project types can be decided independently. Currently, the only region it can fund are Economic Development, Urgent Need, and special needs housing (i.e. permanent supportive housing).	Section 30 in the Program Distribution Statement lists the activities that are eligible.
Park View Apartments – Merril Johnson	Housing Rehabilitation Programs	In reviewing the Community Block Grant program (CDBG) I kindly ask that we reconsider increasing the minimum grant amount for housing rehabilitation programs. The multi-family housing project that I manage has benefited from this program in the past and the continued use of the program would contribute to the success of our project. I am concerned that increasing the minimum grant funds would have severe adverse effects on our multi-family housing project. This is a request of the regional councils to increase the amount of funds distributed to the regions. This can be done by decreasing the amount reserved annually for the Governor's Fund. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reach of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Sevier-Knox Planning Council – Joseph Hays (pt. 3)	Increase Regional Allocation	There is approximately \$4.2 million in the revolving and allocation sectors of the Governor's Fund. Unallocated funds need to be returned to HUD. The regional councils request more funds be distributed to the regions. Councils can make a difference locally – throughout the entire state – if more CDBG is allocated to each region. The significant increase in minimum grant amounts will directly affect the number of projects that can be allocated funds annually. More expensive projects will mean fewer projects met requests routinely exceed the amount available.	This has been addressed and the Governor's Office wants to maintain the set aside.
Lincoln & Clark – Brent Ekstrom (pt. 4)	Increase Regional Allocation	If there would be any unallocated funds from the Governor's Fund that are in danger of being returned to HUD, LORDC would like to see those funds distributed to all eight of the regional councils across the state. As with most yearly requests by cities, the amount far exceeds the available funds to grant out.	If this were to happen, DCS would hold a special funding round. Special funding round would be available to all regions, but only include the Annual Allocation of the 4.2 million (EDRF has the rest).
North Central Planning Council – Sandy Shively (pt. 3)	Increase Regional Allocation	Region 3 and other regional councils request an increase to the funding allocation distributed to the regions. This can be done by decreasing the amount reserved annually for the Governor's Fund. (more in depth on document)	If this were to happen, DCS would hold a special funding round. Special funding round would be available to all regions, but only include the Annual Allocation of the 4.2 million (EDRF has the rest).
RDARC – Lynsae Erickson and Brent Ekstrom (pt. 4)	Increase Regional Allocation	There is approximately \$4.2 million in the revolving and allocation sectors of the Governor's Fund. Unallocated funds need to be returned to HUD. The regional councils request more funds be distributed to the regions. Councils can make a difference locally – throughout the entire state – if more CDBG is allocated to each region. (more in depth on document)	If this were to happen, DCS would hold a special funding round. Special funding round would be available to all regions, but only include the Annual Allocation of the 4.2 million (EDRF has the rest).
Lake Agency – Thomas Jefferson and Amber Metz (pt. 3)	Increase Regional Allocation	We encourage providing a greater share of the state's appropriation to the regions and less towards the Governor's Fund. Greater amounts at the regional level will encourage pre-applications from larger scale projects. Since HUD is encouraging that projects be competitive in nature, however that may be defined by them, it would be necessary to increase the amount regions can award per year. (more in depth on document)	If this were to happen, DCS would hold a special funding round. Special funding round would be available to all regions, but only include the Annual Allocation of the 4.2 million (EDRF has the rest).

Red River - Chris Lugin and Owen Marsh	Increase Regional Allocation	There is approximately \$4.2 million in the revolving and allocation sectors of the Governor's fund. Unallocated funds must be returned to HUD. The regional councils request more funds be distributed to the regions. Councils can make a difference locally throughout the entire state - if more CDBG is allocated to each region.	If this were to happen, RCR would hold a special funding round. Special funding round would be available to all regions, but only include the Annual Allocation of the 4.2 million (CDBG has the rest)
Tri-County Regional Development Council - Gussie Enns (pt. 4)	Increase Regional Allocation	One of the issues not brought up by the recent HUD review of the state but which has been an issue with regional council for years is the distribution of the regional allocation. For the past several years, all of the regional councils have been expressing their need for additional CDBG funds at the regional council level to address the need/allocations within their region. Our regional council always receive more applications for funding than what is available in the regional allocation. It is our belief that our regional council should be receiving the full amount of CDBG funds that are currently in the revolving loan fund and Governor's Set Aside programs at the state level. Our RCR are not requesting additional funding, we are only requesting that the state transfer the revolving loan funds and Governor's Set Aside funds back to the RCRs to be used in community development activities. RCRs do an excellent job in assisting communities, having additional funding to work with will only enhance those abilities and capacities.	This is being addressed in the current HUD roundtable
South Basin Planning Council - Joseph Reis (pt. 4)	Increase SBR Contracts/Program Management Response	Increasing the amount of Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contracts will assist in retaining working expertise to maintain this complex program regionally. Increased S&R contracts will also more closely align with actual staff costs incurred to manage the program. (more in depth on document)	Based on the amount of Federal funds received and the amounts allocated to all the Regional Councils, this is a fair amount. The amount awarded by HUD has stayed consistent.
South Basin Planning Council - Anthony Pardofo and Charlie Adams (pt. 3)	Increase SBR Contracts/Program Management Response	The Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contract amounts for the regional councils has not increased in more than 15 years, however, staffing costs have naturally increased with increased cost of living in North Dakota and staff experience. Managing the CDBG program requires on-going training, research, and expertise. The professional staff time needed to allocate funds on an annual basis has increased, however the amount of the contracts has not, increasing the amount of S&R contracts will assist in retaining working expertise to maintain this complex program regionally. Increased contracts will also more closely align with actual staff costs incurred to manage the program. (more in depth on document)	Based on the amount of Federal funds received and the amounts allocated to all the Regional Councils, this is a fair amount. The amount awarded by HUD has stayed consistent.
Lewis & Clark - Brent Ekstrom (pt.5)	Increase SBR Contracts/Program Management Response	Scoring and ranking contracts have not had an increase for over 15 years, however, staff costs have increased tremendously over this time period. LCRC would like to see this area addressed and a concerted effort to make an increase. When it comes to program administration, if the grant minimums will be increased then the administration of those new grant minimums should also be directly related with grant administration increasing to be able to afford and maintain staff for this management.	Based on the amount of Federal funds received and the amounts allocated to all the Regional Councils, this is a fair amount. The amount awarded by HUD has stayed consistent.
North Central Planning Council - Sandra Shively (pt. 4)	Increase SBR Contracts/Program Management Response	Increasing the amount of Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contracts will assist in retaining working expertise to maintain this complex program regionally. Increased S&R contracts will also more closely align with actual staff costs incurred to manage the program. (more in depth on document)	Based on the amount of Federal funds received and the amounts allocated to all the Regional Councils, this is a fair amount. The amount awarded by HUD has stayed consistent.
NDARC - Lynsae Lindgren and Brent Ekstrom (pt. 5)	Increase SBR Contracts/Program Management Response	The Scoring and Ranking (S&R) contract amounts for the regional councils has not increased in more than 15 years, however, staffing costs have naturally increased with increased cost of living in North Dakota and staff experience. Managing the CDBG program requires on-going training, research, and expertise. The professional staff time needed to allocate funds on an annual basis has increased, however the amount of the contracts has not. (more in depth on document)	Based on the amount of Federal funds received and the amounts allocated to all the Regional Councils, this is a fair amount. The amount awarded by HUD has stayed consistent.
Red River - Chris Lugin and Owen Marsh	Increase SBR Contracts/Program Management Response	The amount of the S&R contracts with the regional councils has not increased in more than 15 years, however, staffing costs have naturally increased with increased cost of living and staff experience. Managing the CDBG program requires on-going training, research, and expertise. The professional staff time needed to allocate funds on an annual basis has increased, however the amount of the S&R contracts has not. (more in depth on document)	Based on the amount of Federal funds received and the amounts allocated to all the Regional Councils, this is a fair amount. The amount awarded by HUD has stayed consistent.
South Basin Planning Council - Joseph Reis (pt. 3)	Increase Minimum Grant Amount	The significant increase in the minimum grant amount will have a direct effect on all communities served, especially smaller communities with limited financial resources and infrastructure that has experienced its expected design life. There is a significant number of communities in Region V classified as low-to-moderate income (LMI). Increased grant minimums will have a direct effect on the ability of those communities to utilize CDBG. SCDRC proposes that you do not increase these minimums at this time and leave them as they are. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reason of the new minimum dollar amounts.
South Basin Planning Council - Anthony Pardofo and Charlie Adams (pt. 3)	Increase Minimum Grant Amount	The new minimums in 2021 have been increased between 100% and 300%. The significant increase in the minimum grant amounts for all project types will have a negative impact on all eligible communities served, particularly smaller communities with limited financial resources, infrastructure that has surpassed its expected design life, and deteriorated housing available for low-to-moderate income families. The members of the SBRPC are greatly concerned about the communities who will no longer be able to access funding, potentially leading to further deterioration of our rural communities, leading to negative impacts on the North Dakota CDBG program. If an increase in the grant minimums is necessary, a much less significant increase could still meet the requirement of comprehensive projects. (more in depth on document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reason of the new minimum dollar amounts.
South Basin Planning Council - Paul Gustafson	Increase Minimum Grant Amount	Our Board of Directors learned the minimum project amount for the 2021 CDBG grant increasing to \$75,000. This increase will eliminate small community projects in our region from qualifying for funding. For example, in the last two years our agency has funded six projects ranging from \$20,000 to \$70,000. We would like to express our concern and request that this amount be reduced to allow more local projects to be considered for funding. We are hopeful you will reach out to us as this matter is explored within your agency.	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reason of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Parkview Housing - Barbara Tourner	Increase Minimum Grant Amount	Good Morning, Please reconsider the changes to raising the minimum grant for housing rehabilitation projects. I am a manager of a 24 unit apartment complex and the majority of our needs would not be covered if you raise the minimum. This is a very important program and would hurt many housing communities. Please do not raise the minimum grant amount for housing projects!	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within reason of the new minimum dollar amounts.

MultiFamily Housing - (USDN) - Karen Lange	Increased Minimum Grant Amount	I work with non-profit multi-family housing projects across the state. These projects provide affordable housing for eligible households. Several of these projects have benefited from the use of CDBG funds. These funds have been vital for accessibility and safety updates, project improvements, including roofs, siding, windows, doors, etc. Increasing the minimum grant amount to \$100,000 for housing would make it nearly impossible for these non-profit owners to qualify. Many times the improvements are only \$50,000 or more. However, CDBG funds are the only way to complete the improvements without increasing rents for low-income households. Our state has a continued need for affordable housing, and this is a great tool to keep housing affordable. It is encouraged to re-consider the minimum grant amounts for housing projects in 2021 allocations.	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within range of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Fort Ransom Housing Authority - Carol Ryne	Increased Minimum Grant Amount	Please reconsider the minimum grant amount for raising the grant amounts for projects from \$25,000 to \$100,000. This change will have severe adverse effects on MHV projects. This increased amount will make projects like the Fort Ransom, MO not qualify for assistance in the future. We have six units in our complex and with the grant amount range in the \$25,000 figure, our housing authority would have better access to use the grant program. If the grant amount is raised to \$100,000 - it will significantly impact our chance to even qualify for a grant to make improvements to our housing authority. Please reconsider the minimum grant amount for projects. Especially for the smaller projects like our housing authority.	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within range of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Glen Ulen - Vicki Harris (city auditor)	Increased Minimum Grant Amount	As the City Auditor of Glen Ulen, I oppose the proposed plan to increase the minimum grant amount of \$25,000 to \$75,000 on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for 2021 allocations. Sometimes we have a small project that the City can't afford and it seems silly to add additional items to the grant just to hit a minimum amount. It ties up funds that could be better used for multiple other small projects rather than a larger project with funds added to meet the minimum requirement. Maybe \$25,000 is too low, but a compromise of possibly \$35,000 or \$50,000 would be more realistic. As a city that has received multiple grants from the CDBG program, we are in the process of applying for a grant that would best be served with a lower minimum threshold. I respectfully request that the minimum amount remain the same or slightly higher.	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within range of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Lewis & Clark - Brent Dutton (pt. II)	Increased Minimum Grant Amount	This significant increase in minimum grant amounts will have a negative impact on all eligible communities served in our region. Smaller communities that have limited financial resources will no longer be able to access funding and those having smaller projects will also be affected.	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within range of the new minimum dollar amounts.
North Central Planning Council - Sandra Shively (pt. I)	Increased Minimum Grant Amount	The significant increase in the minimum grant amount will have a direct effect on all communities served, especially smaller communities with limited financial resources and infrastructure that has surpassed its expected design life. In region 3, 10 of the 40 cities currently meet the low to moderate income (LMI) classification. Increased grant minimums will have a direct effect on the ability of these communities to utilize CDBG as a significant number of projects are under \$75,000. (more in document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within range of the new minimum dollar amounts.
NRARC - Lynsley Erickson and Brent Dutton (pt. I)	Increased Minimum Grant Amount	The new minimums in 2021 have been increased between 100% and 900%. The significant increase in the minimum grant amounts for all project types will have a negative impact on all eligible communities served, particularly smaller communities with limited financial resources. Infrastructure that has surpassed its expected design life, and deteriorated housing available for low-to-moderate-income families. The members of the NRARC are greatly concerned about the communities who will no longer be able to access funding, potentially leading to further deterioration of our rural communities, leading to negative impacts on the NR CDBG program. (more in-depth in document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within range of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Lake Agency - Thomas Jefferson and Amber Metz (pt. 3)	Increased Minimum Grant Amount	The rules and regulations tied to the CDBG program inherently make small projects more difficult to administer. We understand the reasoning behind DCS's decision to increase minimums. However, there can be projects falling below the minimum which nonetheless constitute a complete and well-considered application. We would appreciate flexibility when it comes to those kinds of applications. (more in-depth in document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within range of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Red River - Chris Lipe and Owen Mandt	Increased Minimum Grant Amount	The significant increase in the minimum grant amount will have a direct effect on all communities served, especially smaller communities with limited financial resources and infrastructure that has surpassed its expected design life. There are a significant number of communities in Region 4 classified as low to moderate income (LMI). Increased grant minimums will have a direct effect on the ability of those communities to utilize CDBG. (more in-depth in document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within range of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Tri County Regional Development Council - Everett Eise (pt. I)	Increased Minimum Grant Amount	We feel the increase to the minimum grant amounts will result in less applications to the program as many of the smaller communities in our region will have projects under the proposed minimum amounts. Since 1993, our regional council has administered approximately 30 public facility projects that were under \$20,000. The majority of the projects, 24 of them, were under \$50,000. Projects such as water meter replacement, ADA accessible activities, water distribution lines, curbs, slopes, 18" castings, hydrants, etc. have all been completed in our communities. Most or all of the infrastructure in our communities was installed at least 50 years ago and is reaching the end of its useful life. As communities grow, they usually replace the infrastructure when they can afford it. In our region, finances have been challenging the last few years due to the cyclical nature of the energy development, the decrease in oil impact funding, the decrease in sales property tax revenue, the limited tax base, etc. All of the aforementioned factors affect a community's resources and their ability to plan and complete infrastructure projects. If there is going to be an increase to the minimum threshold amounts, in our region we are requesting that the increase be minimal. (more in document)	The Division of Community Services has done an average estimate on projects from the last five years. These average amounts are within range of the new minimum dollar amounts.
Lake Agency - Thomas Jefferson and Amber Metz (pt. 5)	Questions	On pg. 51 of the PSD - i.e. page 204 of the entire document - it is mentioned that all water and sewer projects must be reviewed and approved by the State Health Department. Would that not now be the Department of Environmental Quality, specifically the Division of Municipal Services? That is due to the department being split off into two a few years ago.	YES
Lake Agency - Thomas Jefferson and Amber Metz (pt. 6)	Questions	Recently we have received calls from disjunct operators interested in the CDBG. Would disjuncts fall under "retail water and treatment?" In other words, does that term include service business as well?	YES
Lake Agency - Thomas Jefferson and Amber Metz (pt. 7)	Questions	There are several examples across the country of grants given to community colleges for purchasing equipment used in their curriculum. A common example has been purchasing equipment for a mock hospital room in which nursing students can practice on dummies. These grants are considered to be economic development since the students hired by a partner company are oriented towards the job/career requirement. This would mean we can tap into the region's large amount of CDBG dollars. OSD allows grants to institutions of higher education who engage in eligible activities. Can we add some clarification to the PSD confirming these are eligible under OSD's program?	This would have to (a) meet a national objective and (b) be an eligible activity, which can be found in the CDBG Guide to Eligible Activities.

Governor's Fund Averages 2016-2020

Governor's Fund Projects Total

Total Projects:	54
Total Projects \$ Amount:	\$9,881,533.41
Average \$ Amount of Total Projects:	\$182,991.36

Economic Development

Total Projects:	4
Total Projects \$ Amount:	\$1,288,501.54
Average \$ Amount of Total Projects:	\$322,125.39

Public Facility

Total Projects:	43
Total Projects \$ Amount:	\$7,323,186.33
Average \$ Amount of Total Projects:	\$170,306.66

Housing

Total Projects:	3
Total Projects \$ Amount:	\$865,595.54
Average \$ Amount of Total Projects:	\$288,531.85

Main Street

Total Projects:	4
Total Projects \$ Amount:	\$404,250.00
Average \$ Amount of Total Projects:	\$101,062.50

Urgent Need

Total Projects:	18
Total Projects \$ Amount:	\$2,134,522.74
Average \$ Amount of Total Projects:	\$118,584.60

Emergency

Total Projects:	12
Total Projects \$ Amount:	\$1,429,197.85
Average \$ Amount of Total Projects:	\$119,099.82

Public Facilities 5yr Average

\$ 2,721,585.64	2016 SUM
\$ 113,399.40	2016 Average

\$ 2,382,540.44	2017 SUM
\$ 108,297.29	2017 Average

\$ 4,790,555.10	2018 SUM
\$ 126,067.24	2018 Average

\$ 2,065,089.68	2019 SUM
\$ 76,484.80	2019 Average

\$ 1,997,420.41	2020 SUM
\$ 153,647.72	2020 Average

Single Family Housing 5yr Average

\$ 152,110.18 2016 SINGLE SUM & Average

\$ 57,500.00 2018 SINGLE SUM & Average

Multi-Family Housing 5yr Average

\$	174,700.00	2016 SUM
\$	58,233.33	2016 Average

\$	660,878.64	2017 SUM
\$	94,411.23	2017 Average

\$	1,137,392.66	2018 SUM
\$	126,376.96	2018 Average

\$	657,123.00	2019 SUM
\$	82,140.38	2019 Average

\$	236,650.00	2020 SUM
\$	59,162.50	2020 Average

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Written comments should be sent to:

North Dakota Department of Commerce
Division of Community Services
PO Box 2057
Bismarck, ND 58502-2057
or
Email: dcs@nd.gov

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA.

Notary Public, Devils Lake, N. D.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

Patricia C. Fugleberg being first
duly sworn, deposes and says: That (he) (she) is the Agent to the Publisher of
the WAHPETON DAILY NEWS newspaper printed and published five days a
week in the County of Richland, State of North Dakota, and of general
circulation in the city of Wahpeton, County of Richland, State of North Dakota
and elsewhere, and the hereto attached

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was printed and published correctly in the regular and entire issue of said
WAHPETON DAILY NEWS for 1 issues, that the first was made on the
1st day of April, 2021 and the last publication thereof was made on the
1st day of April, 2021 that said publication was made on each of the
following dates, to wit:

04/01/2021

Request of

ND DEPT. OF COMMERCE

WAHPETON DAILY NEWS

By *Patricia C. Fugleberg*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April 2021

Carrie McDermott

Notary Public in and for the County of Richland, State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires:

PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

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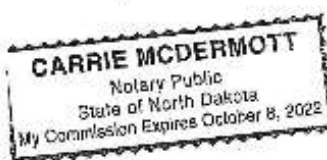
All action amounts in the 2021 Action Plan are estimated amounts.
The Action Plan will be available on the Division of Community Services website, <http://www.commerce.nd.gov/divisionofcommunityservices/CommunityDevelopment>, beginning April 1, 2021. Written comments must be received by the date of business April 30, 2021.

Electronic Comments of the Action Plan are available upon request at 701-328-0100 or via Relay North Dakota: TTY: 1-800-368-5885, Voice: 1-800-368-4580, or Spanish: 1-800-495-8200. Should anyone need additional information, please contact Bonnie Meier at 701-328-0100.

Written comments should be sent to:
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Bismarck, ND 58502-2057

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COUNTY OF CASS

Nicole Riegert, *The Forum*, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am the designated agent of *The Forum*, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspaper listed on the attached exhibit.

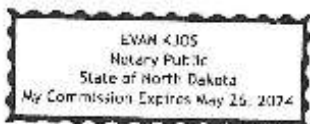
2. The newspaper listed on the exhibit published the advertisement of: **Legal Notice**, (1) time: **March 24, 2021**, as required by law or ordinance.

3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2021.

Legal Clerk

Notary Public



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All allocation amounts in the 2021 Action Plan are estimate amounts. The Action Plan will be available on the Division of Community Services website, <http://www.communityservices.nd.gov/communitydevelopment/ConsolidatedPlan> beginning April 1, 2021. Written comments must be received by the close of business April 30, 2021.

Alternative formats of the Action Plan are available upon request at 701-328-5800 or via Relay North Dakota: TTY: 1-800-368-5833, Voice: 1-800-368-5833, or Speech: 1-800-425-8500. Should anyone need additional information, please contact: Bonnie Mabo at 701-328-5800.

Written comments should be sent to: North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services, P.O. Box 2057, Bismarck, ND 58102-2057.

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COUNTY OF STARK

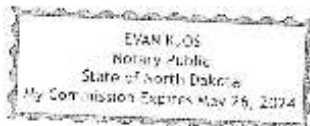
Lindsay Dolan, *The Dickinson Press*, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am the designated agent of The Dickinson Press, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspaper listed on the attached exhibit.
2. The newspaper listed on the exhibit published the advertisement of: **Legal Notice; (1) time: Wednesday, March 24, 2021** as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

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Legals Clerk


Notary Public



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All allocation requests in the 2021 Action Plan are assumed to be made. The Action Plan will be available on the Division of Community Services website, <http://www.communityservices.nd.gov/divisionofcommunitydevelopment/annualactionplan>, beginning April 1, 2021. Written comments must be received by the close of business April 30, 2021.

Alternate formats of the Action Plan are available upon request at 701-328-6800 or via Relay North Dakota: TTY: 1-800-866-6800, Voice: 1-800-666-6800, or Spanish: 1-800-436-6800. Should anyone need additional information, please contact Bonnie Malt at 701-328-6800.

Written comments should be sent to:

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Division of Community Services

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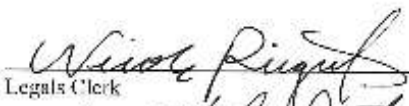
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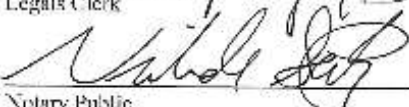
COUNTY OF STUTSMAN

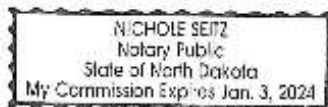
Nicole Riegert, *The Jamestown Sun*, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am the designated agent of *The Jamestown Sun*, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspaper listed on the attached exhibit.
2. The newspaper listed on the exhibit published the advertisement of: *Legal Notice; (1) time: March 24, 2021*, as required by law or ordinance.
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Dated this 24th day of March, 2021.


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Notary Public



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Alternate formats of the Action Plan are available upon request at 701-328-6300 or via Relay North Dakota: TTY: 1-800-368-0099, Voice: 1-800-368-6888, or Speech: 1-800-150-9530. Should anyone need additional information please contact Jennie Valle at 701-328-6300.

Written comments should be sent to:

At: North Dakota Department of Commerce

Division of Community Services

PO Box 2057

Bismarck, ND 58506-0057

or

E-mail: dscc@nd.gov

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COUNTY OF GRAND FORKS

Nicole Riegert, *Grand Forks Herald*, being duly sworn, states as follows:


1. I am the designated agent of the Grand Forks Herald, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspaper listed on the attached exhibit.

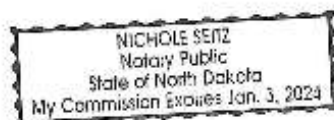
2. The newspaper listed on the exhibit published the advertisement of: *Legal Notice*; (1) time: *March 24, 2021*, as required by law or ordinance.

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Dated this 24th day of March, 2021.


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All allocation amounts in the 2021 Action Plan are estimates only. The Action Plan will be available on the Division of Community Services website, <http://www.communityservices.nd.gov/division/communitydevelopment/ConsultationPlan/> beginning April 1, 2021. Written comments must be received by the close of business April 30, 2021.

Alternate formats of the Action Plan are available upon request at 701-328-5300 or via Relay North Dakota: TTY 1-800-368-6889, Voice 1-800-368-6889, or Spanish 1-800-455-8530. Should anyone need additional information, please contact Nichole Senz at 701-328-5300.

Written comments should be sent to:
North Dakota Department of Commerce
Division of Community Services
PO Box 2047
Bismarck, ND 58102-2047
or
Email: dis@nd.gov
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA SS
)
COUNTY OF BARNES
COUNTY }

Kelly Spanier, being duly sworn, says:


That she is Kelly Spanier of the Valley City Times Record, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Valley City, Barnes County County, North Dakota; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

March 30, 2021

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.
SIGNED:

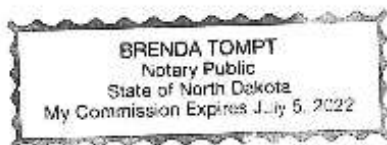

Kelly Spanier

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 30th day of March 2021.


Brenda Tompt, Business Manager, Barnes County
County, North Dakota
My commission expires: July 05, 2022

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Tammy Heick
ND Department of Commerce
PO Box 2057
Bismarck, ND 58502



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Written comments should be sent to:
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Bismarck, ND 58502-2057
or
Email: dcs@nd.gov

(March 30, 2021)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
:SS
COUNTY OF WILLIAMS)

Sarah Wilton

being first

duly sworn, deposes and says: that (he) (she) is the Agent to the Publisher of the WILLISTON HERALD, a newspaper printed and published six days a week in the county of Williams, State of North Dakota, and of general circulation in the City of Williston, County of Williams, State of North Dakota and elsewhere, and the hereto attached

was printed and published correctly in the regular and
entire issue of said DAILY HERALD for 1
issues, that the first was made on the 31st day of
March 2021 that said publication
was made on each of the following dates to wit:

ND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Williston Herald

By

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of March 2021

Notary public in and for the County of Williams, State of North Dakota

My commission Expires:

Public Notice
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All dollar amounts in the 2021 Action Plan are estimated amounts.

The Action Plan will be available on the Division of Community Services website <http://www.communityservices.nj.gov> and through communitywide public meetings held beginning April 1, 2021. Written comments must be received by the close of business April 30, 2021.

Alabama inmates of the Action Team are available upon request at 701-328-6930 or via fax North Dakota 715-1-500-356-7134, Voicemail 1-800-378-6581, or Spanish 1-800-436-0780. Should anyone need additional information, please contact Bonnie Webb at 701-328-6930.

Written comments should be sent to:
North Dakota Department of Commerce
Division of Community Services PO Box
5877 Bismarck ND 58102-2067 or
Email: dcsl@nd.gov
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JAMIE D. LAWRENCE
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires May 19, 2024

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State of North Dakota }
County of Burleigh } SS:

Before me, a Notary Public for the State of North Dakota personally appeared Jill Lindsay who being duly sworn, deposes and says that he (she) is the Clerk of Bismarck Tribune Co., and that the publication(s) were made through the

Bismarck Tribune on the following dates:

3/26/2021
Signed Jill Lindsay

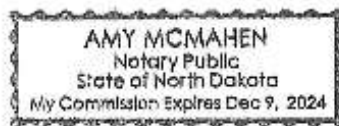
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Tammy Hoick
PO BOX 2057
BISMARCK ND 58502

ORDER NUMBER 24618

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26th day of

March 2021

Amy McMahon
Notary Public in and for the State of North Dakota



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A full action plan in the 2021 Action Plan are estimated around \$100 million. The Action Plan will be available on the Division of Community Services website, <http://www.communityservices.nd.gov>.
Comments should be received by the close of business April 30, 2021. Written comments must be received by the close of business April 30, 2021.
Alternate forms of the Action Plan are available upon request at 701-328-5900 or via Relay North Dakota, TTY 1-800-328-6250, voice 1-800-565-5685, or Spanish 1-800-435-6570. Should anyone need additional information, please contact Dennis Kato at 701-328-5900.
Written comments should be sent to: North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services, PO Box 2057, Bismarck, ND 58502-0057 or Email: dkato@nd.gov, 202-1-24618

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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County of Ward

AMANDA STARBUCK-MATTSON of said

County and State, being first duly sworn, in oath says: That the MINOT DAILY NEWS is a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Minot, in said County and State. That the MINOT DAILY NEWS now is and during all times in the foregoing affidavit mentioned has been a newspaper qualified to do legal printing, in accordance with the Statutes of the State of North Dakota, and that I am clerk of the MINOT DAILY NEWS and during all such time covering the publication of this notice have occupied such position on said newspaper, and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; and that the advertisement headed

NOTICE OF 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

a printed copy of which is hereunto attached was printed and published in said newspaper

THREE times to-wit:

MARCH 30, 2021

Amanda Starbuck-Mattson, Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

30th Day of March 2021

Shannon Gratter

Notary Public, Ward Co., N.D.

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All allocation amounts in the 2021 Action Plan are estimated amounts. The Action Plan will be available on the Division of Community Services website, <http://www.dcs.state.nd.gov>, beginning on April 1, 2021. Written comments must be received by the close of business April 30, 2021.

Attorneys General of the Action Plan are available upon request at 605-328-5000 or at the Relay North Dakota toll-free 1-800-858-8585. Voice 1-800-394-3885. Sources: 1-800-438-3885. Should you need additional information, please contact Bonnie Maki at 701-324-3300. Written comments should be sent to:

Director
Division of Community Services
PO Box 1057
Bismarck, ND 58103-0507
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORTH DAKOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
PROPOSED ALLOCATION PLAN UNDER THE 2021 NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND**

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) will hold a Public Hearing, via toll-free conference call, with respect to its Proposed Allocation Plan Under the 2021 National Housing Trust Fund on April 1, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., CT.

The Plan sets forth the procedures and criteria which NDHFA is to use in allocating the National Housing Trust Fund annual allocation made available to owners and developers of rental housing pursuant to 24 CFR 91 and 93.

The Public Hearing is for interested parties to provide either written or oral comments regarding the proposed Plan. Persons who do not attend the hearing may submit written comments by 5:00 p.m., CT, on March 31, 2021. The plan can be viewed on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, beginning on March 1, 2021. Please contact NDHFA prior to the hearing for accommodations or additional information.

Public Hearing Details:

Attendance to the public hearing is available by telephone only.

Toll-Free Dial (877) 216-1555

Passcode 526124

NDHFA Contact:

Jennifer Henderson

Director, Planning and Housing Development Division

PO Box 1535

Bismarck, ND 58502

(800) 292-8621

(800) 366-6889 (TTY)

hfainfo@nd.gov

Equal Housing Opportunity

**Material Proposed Changes to the Request for Proposals and
Annual Allocation Plan for 2021; Public Comments and Discussion**

The draft 2021 HTF Allocation Plan was released for a 30-day public comment period on March 1, 2021. A public hearing was held on April 1, 2021, at 11:00 AM, at the NDHFA office. There was a total of seven participants; one non-profit developer, one ND Department of Commerce staff member, and five NDHFA staff members. Prior to the hearing, one written comment was received and incorporated into the hearing discussion.

1. Definition of Brownfield (Section II – General Provisions, page 4)

Deletes the term Brownfield from the list of defined words.

The proposed change eliminates the redundancy of the brownfield terminology. All brownfields are grayfields and so it is only necessary to mention grayfield in the Plan.

No comments were received on this proposed change.

2. Developer Fee (Section III – General Provisions, page 10)

Eliminates the 12% developer fee limit on larger projects.

The proposed change eliminates the 12% developer fee limit on projects with 51 or more units. With the change, projects of any size are eligible for a maximum of 15% developer fee.

One comment was received in support of this proposed change.

3. Appraisal (Section V – Threshold Requirements, page 10)

Changes the timing for submission of the appraisal to NDHFA.

The proposed change shifts the timing for submission of the appraisal from reservation application to prior to closing.

No comments were received on this proposed change.

4. Public Housing Waiting List (Section V – Threshold Requirements, page 10)

Eliminates the requirement for project owners to notify the local public housing authority of any project vacancies.

The proposed change eliminates this requirement, which is not mandated by federal regulation, to streamline compliance monitoring.

No comments were received on this proposed change.



Affidavit of Publication

Colleen Park, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of: **ND Housing Finance Agency - Proposed Allocation Plan Under the 2021 National Housing Trust Fund**; 1 time(s) as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

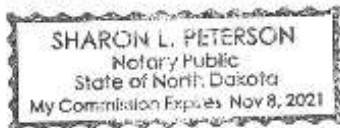
Signed: Colleen Park

State of North Dakota

County of Burleigh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of March, 2021

Sharon L. Peterson



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Financial Statement

In accordance with NDCC 40-16-06, listed below is the financial statement for the City of Devils Lake showing the receipts and disbursements on account of such fund during 2020:

	Revenue	Expense	Balance
General Fund	\$7,389,540.30	\$8,143,894.74	\$1,398,791.65
Highway Distribution	\$798,104.44	\$407,350.61	\$524,512.24
City Share Special Assessment	\$14,579.50	\$16,183.00	\$992.48
Emergency	\$302.40	\$-	\$72,857.01
Cemetery	\$125,844.45	\$125,418.69	\$87,175.42
Temporary Employees	\$73,708.72	\$73,708.72	\$-
Equipment Reserve	\$284,062.05	\$86,100.00	\$2,332,872.84
Special Assessment City Property	\$0.18	\$5,689.87	\$418.50
Penalty and Interest on Special Assessments	\$2,734.08	\$-	\$54,325.95
Infrastructure	\$1,083,354.05	\$1,019,261.00	\$74,899.50
Municipal Infrastructure	\$2,500,000.00	\$-	\$2,500,000.00
Economic Development	\$256,050.52	\$256,050.52	\$-
Fire Homeland Security Grant	\$20,150.21	\$20,150.21	\$-
ND DOT Police Grant	\$5,787.58	\$5,787.58	\$-
Asset Forfeiture Buy Fund	\$-	\$-	\$2,928.59
Special Assessment Deficiency	\$1.13	\$-	\$49,851.75
Construction Funds	\$1,015,715.66	\$2,090,088.49	\$1,542,336.52
Dish Service	\$2,555,254.99	\$2,035,248.78	\$1,887,084.96
Water Department	\$1,957,703.98	\$1,457,090.51	\$858,420.81
Sewer Department	\$1,252,700.76	\$1,062,328.87	\$936,973.10
Sanitation Department	\$1,900,650.84	\$1,820,827.27	\$719,848.34
Water Source Replacement	\$272,285.72	\$825,775.47	\$2,869,479.47
Literary	\$281,908.59	\$191,045.27	\$81,111.49
Parking Authority	\$22,121.34	\$22,121.34	\$50,075.21
City Beautification	\$25,000.00	\$50,517.34	\$29,638.18
Devils Lake Historical Preservation	\$-	\$-	\$3,289.79
Job Development Authority	\$53,418.54	\$53,418.54	\$37,021.25
Self Insurance	\$882,879.43	\$574,906.91	\$337,350.11
SAAF Grant	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	\$-
Lake Region Growth Fund	\$206,050.52	\$173,103.08	\$288,295.57
Airport Hangar	\$12,082.00	\$433.00	\$42,727.13
Lake Region Narcotics Task Force	\$201,255.71	\$190,629.13	\$178,810.68
Component Unit - Airport	\$505,707.13	\$680,508.71	\$71,508.81
Total	\$23,024,066.40	\$19,310,711.60	\$12,184,365.80

Dated this 16th day of February, 2021
Linda Lybeck
City Auditor

(c2: 25)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Outer Tail Power Company 2021 LED Street and Area Lighting Dusk to Dawn Tariff and Rates

Case No. PU-21-20 NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

On February 17, 2021, Outer Tail Power Company (OTPC) filed changes to section 11.07 of its outdoor street and area lighting tariffs. OTPC requests approval of new decorative outdoor lighting options and tariff language clarification changes. OTPC also proposes new lighting rates for primary metered customers.

The issues to consider in this proceeding are:

1. Are the proposed tariff revisions just and reasonable?
2. Do the proposed rates comply with the tariff?
3. Are the proposed rates just and reasonable?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by March 22, 2021. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-396-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission 24 hours in advance.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Randy Christmann, Commissioner
Julie Fedorchak, Chair
Brian Kreshus, Commissioner
(c2: 25)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORTH DAKOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY PROPOSED QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN UNDER THE 2002 LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) will hold a Public Hearing, via toll-free conference call, with respect to its proposed Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) under the 2002 Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program on April 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. CT.

The QAP sets forth the procedures and criteria which NDHFA will adhere to in allocating low income housing tax credits to owners and developers of rental housing pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Public Hearing is for interested parties to provide either written or oral comments regarding the proposed QAP. Persons who do not attend the hearing may submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. CT, on March 31, 2021. The plan can be viewed on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, beginning on March 1, 2021. Please contact NDHFA prior to the hearing for accommodations or additional information.

Public Hearing Details:
Attendance to the public hearing is available by telephone only.
Toll-Free Dial (877) 216-1555
Passcode 526124

NDHFA Contact:
Jennifer Heortson
Director, Planning and Housing Development, Division
PO Box 1535
Bismarck, ND 58502
(800) 292-8621
(800) 386-6888 (TTY)
bhmf62nd.gov
Equal Housing Opportunity
(c2: 25)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NORTH DAKOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY PROPOSED QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN UNDER THE 2021 NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) will hold a Public Hearing, via

PUBLIC NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA 2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO HUD

The North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services and North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) announces the state's Annual Report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for 2019. The report will be available for public review during the period of March 1-16, 2021. The 2019 Annual Report serves as the state's grant application to HUD for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and National Housing Trust Fund programs. The Annual Report provides information on the various activities funded by these programs from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, and describes how these activities addressed the needs and objectives of the state's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. In addition, the Annual Report identifies the number and types of households that benefited from these programs during the 2019 program year.

To obtain a copy of the Annual Report, contact Bonnie Madsen at 701-328-2300, ND Relay TTY: 1-800-396-6888, ND Relay Voice 1-800-396-6888, ND Relay Spanish 1-800-435-8590, or email at ad@nd.gov. The report can also be viewed on our website at: <http://www.commonty.gov/ndhfa>

Alternate formats of this report are available upon request.

The public may submit written comments in the report. Comments must be received by the close of business on March 16, 2021.

Send written comments to:
Bonnie Madsen
ND Department of Commerce
Division of Community Services
PO Box 2057
Bismarck, ND 58502-2057
(c2: 35)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Halstad Telephone Company Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion

Case No. PU-21-25 NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

On January 28, 2021, Halstad Telephone Company (Halstad) filed, as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase 1 funding in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that Halstad be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:
1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(c) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?
3. Is the designation of the applicant as an ETC in the public interest?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by March 29, 2021. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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Julie Fedorchak, Chair
Brian Kreshus, Commissioner
(c2: 25)

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Reservation Telephone Cooperative - Cooperative Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion

Case No. PU-21-28 NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING February 17, 2021

On February 3, 2021, Reservation Telephone Cooperative (RTC) filed, as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase 1 funding in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that RTC be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:
1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(c) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by March 29, 2021. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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Julie Fedorchak, Chair
Brian Kreshus, Commissioner
(c2: 25)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MLGC, LLC Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion

Case No. PU-21-50 NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING February 17, 2021

On January 28, 2021, MLGC, LLC (MLGC) filed, as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase 1 funding in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that MLGC be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:
1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(c) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by March 29, 2021. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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Julie Fedorchak, Chair
Brian Kreshus, Commissioner
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Dakota Communications LLC Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion

Case No. PU-21-41 NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING February 17, 2021

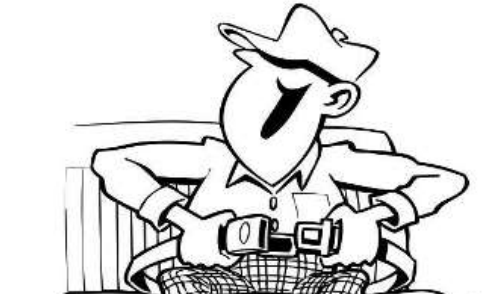
On January 21, 2021, Dakota Communications LLC (Dakota) filed, as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase 1 funding in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that Dakota be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:
1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(c) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?

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NORTH DAKOTA HOUSING
FINANCE AGENCY
PROPOSED ALLOCATION
PLAN UNDER THE 2021 NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND
 North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) will hold a Public Hearing, via teleconference call, with respect to its Proposed Allocation Plan Under the 2021 National Housing Trust Fund on April 1, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. CT.

The Plan sets forth the procedures and criteria which NDHFA is to use in allocating the National Housing Trust Fund annual allocation made available to owners and developers of rental housing pursuant to 24 CFR 91 and 93.

The Public Hearing is for interested parties to provide either written or oral comments regarding the proposed Plan. Persons who do not attend the hearing may submit written comments by 5:00 p.m., CT, on March 31, 2021. The Plan can be viewed on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, beginning on March 1, 2021. Please contact NDHFA prior to the hearing for accommodations or additional information.

Public Hearing Details:

Attendance to the public hearing is available by telephone only.

Toll-Free Dial (877) 216-1555

Passcode 520324

NDHFA Contact:

Jennifer Henderson

Director, Planning and Housing

Development Division

PO Box 1535

Bismarck, ND 58502

(701) 292-9621

(701) 366-5889 (TTY)

Hendersonj@nd.gov

Equal Housing Opportunity

(Feb. 24, 2021)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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To obtain a copy of the Annual Report, contact Bonnie Malt at 701-326-5300, ND Relay TTY: 1-800-366-5889, ND Relay Spanish: 1-800-366-5890, or email at bsmalt@nd.gov. The report can also be viewed on our website at: <http://www.communityservices.nd.gov/publications/development/ConsolidatedPlan/>

Attorney General's Office of the State of North Dakota is available upon request.

The public may submit written comments to the report. Comments must be received by the close of business on March 16, 2021.

Send written comments to: Bonnie Malt, ND Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services, PO Box 2067, Bismarck, ND 58502-2067 (Feb. 24, 2021) 2877174

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
CASS COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF RONALD ANTHONY KOST,
AK/A RONALD A. KOST, RO-
NALD KOST, AND TONY KOST,
DECEASED

Case No. 99-2021-PR-00661

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that Nancy E. Kost-Kaeding has been

appointed Personal Representative

of the Estate of Ronald Anthony

Kost, aka Ronald A. Kost, Ronald

Kost, and Tony Kost, deceased. All

persons having claims against the

decedent are required to present

their claims within three (3) months

after the date of the first publication

of this notice or said claims will be

forever barred. Claims must either

be presented to the Personal Repre-

sentative of the Estate, at 4764

Douglas Dr South, Fargo, North

Dakota 58104, or filed with the Court.

Dated: February 19, 2021

By: Nancy E. Kost-Kaeding,

Personal Representative

Attorney: Michael M. Thomas, ND ID #04215

Conny Fosse Ltd.

406 Main Avenue, Suite 200

PO Box 2666

Fargo, ND 58108-2666

Telephone: (701) 292-9911

Email: mthomas@connylaw.com

ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE

(Feb. 24, March 3 & 10, 2021)

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IN THE STATE OF
NORTH DAKOTA,
COUNTY OF CASS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT, EAST
CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Plaintiff,
 Alerus Financial, N.A.,
 Defendant,
 vs.
 Amanda Botner; Ryan J. Botner;
 Bell Bank; Hattori Bancshares, Inc.;
 dtb; Aspire Financial; State of
 North Dakota acting by and through
 the Office of the State Tax Commis-

sioners; Western State Bank; WNB Properties, LLC; any person in possession and all persons unknown claiming any estate or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon, the real estate described in the complaint, Defendants.

CIVIL NUMBER:

09-2020-CV-01623

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE

1. Judgment in the amount of

\$159,877.43, having been entered

in favor of Plaintiff and against De-

fendants, which judgment was filed

with the Clerk of Courts of Cass

County, North Dakota, on January

26, 2021, for the foreclosure of a

real estate mortgage.

2. Notice is hereby given pursuant to

said judgment that the real property

described as:

Lot Two, in Block One, of Shore-

wood Addition to the City of Fargo,

situate in the County of Cass and

the State of North Dakota.

Real Property Address: 1414 57th

Avenue South, Fargo, ND 58104.

The above real property is the sub-

ject of the Mortgage dated June 4,

2013, which Mortgage, Amanda

Botner and Ryan J. Botner, execut-

ed and delivered to Mortgage Elec-

tronic Registration Systems, Inc., as

mortgagee, as nominee for Alerus

Financial, N.A., dba Alerus Mort-

gage, its successors and assigns,

and recorded in the office of the

Clerk and Recorder of Cass Coun-

ty, North Dakota, on June 10, 2013,

Instrument Number 1389235, which

is subject to the entered Judgment.

Said Mortgage was assigned to

Plaintiff, its successors or assigns,

by Assignment of Mortgage record-

ed May 11, 2020, Instrument Num-

ber 1589482.

3. In order to realize the amount of

\$159,877.43, as of January 26,

2021, and interest accruing there-

on said amount at the rate of

2.75% per year together with the

costs and expenses of sale, the

property will be sold subject to ad-

emption as provided by law as one

parcel of land at public auction, sub-

ject to any lien for unpaid real estate

taxes, and assessments of Cass

County, North Dakota, and assess-

ments and restrictions of record, to

the highest bidder for cash under

the direction of the Sheriff of Cass

County, North Dakota, at the main

entrance of the Cass County Cour-

thouse located at 211 South 9th

Street, Fargo, North Dakota 58106,

on March 31, 2021 ("Sale Date"),

at 10:00 AM.

4. If the sale is set aside for reason,

the Purchaser at the sale shall be

entitled only to a return of the de-

posit paid. The purchaser shall

have no further recourse against the

Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the

Mortgagee's attorney.

DATED this 19th day of February,

2021.

SHERIFF OF CASS COUNTY

By: Jesse J. Stading

Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff of Cass

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Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.
 By: Scott S. Steen
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 376 East 400 South, Suite 300
 Salt Lake City, UT 84111
 Tel: 801-352-2886
 Email: scott@hwmfirm.com
 ND Bar No. 08334
 (Feb. 24, March 3 & 10, 2021)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF COOPERSTOWN,
 NORTH DAKOTA

STREET IMPROVEMENT DIS-

TRICT NO. 2020-1 AND WATER

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.

202-1

CITYWIDE STREET REHABILITA-

TION AND ACP WATER MAIN RE-

PLACEMENT

MOORE PROJECT NO. 21275 and

21276A

General Notice

Owner is requesting bids for the

construction of the project listed

above.

Bids for the construction of the

Project will be received and accept-

ed via electronic bid (eBid) through

QuestCON until March 19, 2021 at

2:00 p.m. local time. Bids will be

viewed and read via videophone

conference at 2:30 p.m. Mailed or

hand delivered bids will not be

opened or considered. Link for the

videophone conference is provided

at www.moonengineeringinc.com

by clicking the Bid Information tab,

or at www.questcon.com.

The Project includes the following

Work: Replacement of asbestos ce-

ment pipe (ACP) water main, instal-

lation of sanitary sewer service and

cleanouts, replacement of sanitary

sewer manholes, storm sewer inlets

and piping, curb and gutter, valley

gutter, concrete basecoat, asphalt

recrutation and milling, asphalt

paving and overlay, crack seal

and seal coat, and miscellaneous

construction items.

Obtaining the Bidding Docu-

ments

Digital project bidding documents

will be available at www.moonengineeringinc.com

by clicking the Bid

Information tab, or at

www.questcon.com. You may

download the complete set of digital

documents for a nonrefundable fee

of \$40.00 by locating eBidDoc™

Number 744448 on the website.

Please contact QuestCON at

862-233-1632 or

info@questcon.com for assistance in

member registration, download-

ing and working with this digital

project information, and online bid

submission.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding

Documents is:

Moore Engineering, Inc.

925 10th Ave E, Suite 1, West Far-

go, ND 58078

Each bid must be accompanied by

a bidder's bond in a sum equal to 5%

of the full amount of the bid execut-

ed by the bidder as principal and by

a surety, conditioned that if the pri-

ncipal's bid is accepted and a con-

tract is awarded to the principal,

the principal, within ten (10) days

after the notice of the award, shall ex-

ecute a contract in accordance with

the terms of the bid and the bid

and, and any conditions of the City

of Cooperstown, as required by law.

A countersignature of a bid bond is

not required. If the City of Cooper-

stown elects to award a contract to

the lowest responsible bidder, and

the lowest responsible bidder does

not execute a contract within ten

(10) days, the bidder's bond will be

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infected to the City of Cooperstown,
 and the City of Cooperstown may
 award the project to the next lowest
 responsible bidder.
 Each bidder must possess a valid
 North Dakota contractor's license for
 the full amount of their bid, as re-
 quired by N.D.C.C. § 43-07-7. Each
 bidder MUST enclose a copy of
 their Contractor's License or Certi-
 ficate of Renewal, issued by the
 North Dakota Secretary of State,
 and each license must be valid and
 dated at least 10 days prior to the
 date set for bid opening, as required
 under N.D.C.C. § 43-07-12.
 Bidders on this work will be required
 to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 33-
 Participation by Disadvantaged
 Business Enterprises in the United
 States Environmental Protection
 Agency Programs. The require-
 ments for bidders and contractors
 under this regulation concern utiliza-
 tion of Minority Business Enterpri-
 ses (MBE), Women's Business En-
 terprises (WBE), and Small Busi-
 ness Enterprises (SBE) and are ex-
 plained in the specifications.

The goal for MBE is 2% of the total
 dollar value of the project. The goal
 for WBE is 3% of the total dollar value
 of the project. To demonstrate a
 good faith effort to comply, bidders
 must include the MBE/WBE subcon-
 tractor solicitation form in the bid
 package.

Bidders on this work will be required
 to comply with the President's Ex-
 ecutive Order No. 11246, as
 amended. The requirements for bid-
 ders and contractors under this or-
 der are explained in the Project
 Manual.

Bidders on this work will be required
 to comply with American Iron and
 Steel requirements of the Consol-
 idated Appropriations Act, 2014. The
 requirements for bidders and con-
 tractors under this regulation are ex-
 plained in the specifications.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regard-

ing bid submission, qualifications, pro-

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cedures, and contract award, refer
 to the Instructions to Bidders that
 are included in the Bidding Docu-
 ments.
This Advertisement is issued by:
 Owner: City of Cooperstown
 By: Nancy Lunde
 Title: Auditor
 Date: February 15, 2021
 (Feb. 24, Mar. 3 & 10, 2021)
 2877224

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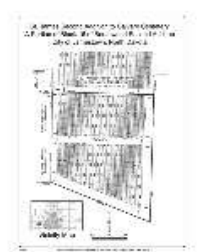
City of Jamestown 102 3rd Ave
SE Jamestown ND 58401
701-252-5900

Notice of Public Hearing Sub-Division of Property
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there will be a Public Hearing before the City Planning Commission at 8:00 a.m., March 8, 2021 to consider the following to wit:

THE MINOR SUBDIVISION, PRELIMINARY PLAT OF ST. JAMES SECOND ADDITION TO CALVARY CEMETERY, A PORTION OF BLOCK 10 OF SOUTHWOOD SECOND ADDITION, CITY OF JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA. The property is located at 1513 17th St SW.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments and objections to the plat of the above-named property. The plat may be seen in the office of the City Engineer at City Hall. Dated this 10TH day of February 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Tom Backstrom, Planning Commission Secretary



(Feb. 24; March 6, 2021) 2676126

Notice of Proposed Merger of Banks

Notice is hereby given that Union Bank, Jamestown, North Dakota has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and to the North Dakota State Banking Board for written consent to merge with Security State Bank, Wethel, North Dakota. It is contemplated that all offices of the above-named institutions will continue to be operated by the merged institution with the exception of the Lant ND branch office.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office located at 1102 Walnut Street, Suite 2100, Kansas City, Missouri 64108, not later than February 25, 2021. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

You are further notified that Section 13-02-13.04, North Dakota Administrative Code, provides that any bank or party may submit to the ND State Banking Board written comments concerning the application or a written request for an opportunity to be heard before the board, or both. Comments must be mailed to or received by the State Banking Board, Department of Financial Institutions, 2030 Schuster Street, Suite G, Bismarck, ND 58501-1204 not later than February 25, 2021. You may also request a copy of the application at the above address. You are also advised that per Section 13-02-13.04, North Dakota Administrative Code, the State Banking Board shall examine and consider all relevant factors including: 1) whether proper notice has been given to all shareholders; 2) whether at least two-thirds of the shareholders have notified the plan of reorganization or merger; 3) whether the resultant bank has adequate capital; 4) whether the needs of the community to be served will still be met; and 5) the adequacy and competence of management. (Jan. 27; Feb. 10 & 24, 2021) 2673738

PUBLIC NOTICE

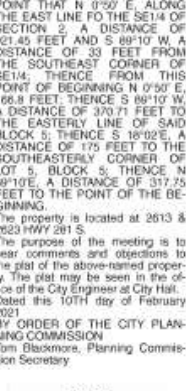
City of Jamestown 102 3rd Ave
SE Jamestown ND 58401
701-252-5900

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THE MINOR SUBDIVISION, PRELIMINARY PLAT OF SUPER 8 ADDITION, REPLAT OF ALL OF LOT 3 AND THE NORTHERLY 25 FEET OF LOT 4, BLOCK 5, LOWRY'S SUBDIVISION, AND ALL THAT PART OF BLOCK 1, LOWRY'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SE1/4, SECTION 2, T13N, R63W, 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, STUTSMAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEASTLY CORNER OF LOT 3, BLOCK 5, LOWRY'S SUBDIVISION, THENCE S 89°10' E, A DISTANCE OF 125.0 FEET, THENCE N 89°10' E, A DISTANCE OF 303.71 FEET, THENCE N 0°50' W, A DISTANCE OF 114.1 FEET, THENCE S 89°10' W, A DISTANCE OF 341.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF LOWRY'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE IN BLOCK 8 OF PLATS AT PAGES 117-118, AND THE SOUTH 75 FEET OF LOT 4, AND ALL OF LOT 5, BLOCK 5, LOWRY'S SUBDIVISION, IN PART OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 2, T13N, R63W, 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, STUTSMAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT THAT IS N 0°50' E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 2, A DISTANCE OF 92.45 FEET, THENCE N 89°10' W, A DISTANCE OF 168.8 FEET, THENCE S 89°10' E, A DISTANCE OF 370.71 FEET TO THE EASTERN LINE OF SAID BLOCK 5, THENCE S 89°10' E, A DISTANCE OF 175 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTLY CORNER OF LOT 5, BLOCK 5, THENCE N 89°10' E, A DISTANCE OF 317.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The property is located at 2613 & 2623 HWY 201 S. The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments and objections to the plat of the above-named property. The plat may be seen in the office of the City Engineer at City Hall. Dated this 10TH day of February 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Tom Backstrom, Planning Commission Secretary



(Feb. 24; March 6, 2021) 2676129



(Feb. 24; March 6, 2021) 2676129

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION
Midway Township
March 16, 2021
6:30pm
Women's Club Room
POLLS WILL OPEN AT 7pm AND CLOSE AT 8pm
Election of one Supervisor - Three year term
(Feb. 24; March 6, 2021) 2677014

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MINOR SUBDIVISION, PRELIMINARY PLAT OF MCCANDY'S LAND SUBDIVISION, REPLAT OF LOTS 2, 3 AND THE WEST 35' OF LOT 4 OF BUCHHOLTZ SUBDIVISION WITHIN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, T13N, R63W, EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN, HOMER TOWNSHIP, STUTSMAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA. The property is located at 8780 37th St SE.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments and objections to the plat of the above-named property. The plat may be seen in the office of the City Engineer at City Hall. Dated this 10TH day of February 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Tom Backstrom, Planning Commission Secretary



(Feb. 24; March 6, 2021) 2676123

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Attorney for Estate

FILE NO. 47-2021-PR-00023
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STUTSMAN COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
In the matter of the Estate of Ricky G. Wilson, a/w/a

Ricky Glen Wilson, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must also be presented to Marie A. Vel, Personal Representative of the Estate, at 1019 17th Street Northeast, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401, or filed with the Court.

DATED This 17th day of February, 2021.
MARIE A. VEIL
1019 17th Street NE
Jamestown, ND 58401
Dakota & Ryan, PC
1515 5th Avenue Northeast
Post Office Box 1727
Jamestown, North Dakota 58402-1727
Attorneys for Estate
First publication on the 24 day of February, 2021.
(Feb. 24; March 3 & 10, 2021) 2677047

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORTH DAKOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
PROPOSED QUALIFIED LOCAL PLAN UNDER THE 2021 LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM
North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) will hold a Public Hearing, via toll-free conference call, with respect to its proposed Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) under the 2021 Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program on April 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. CT. The QAP sets forth the procedures and criteria which NDHFA will adhere to in allocating low income housing tax credits to owners and developers of rental housing pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Public Hearing is for interested parties to provide either written or oral comments regarding the proposed QAP. Persons who do not attend the hearing may submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. CT, on March 31, 2021. This plan can be viewed on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, beginning on March 2, 2021. Please contact NDHFA prior to the hearing for accommodations or additional information. Public Hearing Details: Attendance to the public hearing is available by telephone only. Toll-Free Dial (877) 216-1555. Please call (800) 366-6888 (TTY) ndhfa@nd.gov

Director, Planning and Housing Development Division
PO Box 1535
Bismarck, ND 58502
(800) 292-6621
(800) 366-6888 (TTY) ndhfa@nd.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE

ational Housing Trust Fund on April 1, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., CT. The Plan sets forth the procedures and criteria which NDHFA is to use in allocating the National Housing Trust Fund annual allocation made available to owners and developers of rental housing pursuant to 24 CFR 91 and 83.

The Public Hearing is for interested parties to provide either written or oral comments regarding the proposed Plan. Persons who do not attend the hearing may submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. CT, on March 31, 2021. This plan can be viewed on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, beginning on March 2, 2021. Please contact NDHFA prior to the hearing for accommodations or additional information. Public Hearing Details: Attendance to the public hearing is available by telephone only. Toll-Free Dial (877) 216-1555. Please call (800) 366-6888 (TTY) ndhfa@nd.gov

Equal Housing Opportunity (Feb. 24, 2021)

Jennifer Henderson
Director, Planning and Housing Development Division
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Bismarck, ND 58502
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(800) 366-6888 (TTY) ndhfa@nd.gov

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?
3. Is designation of the applicant as an ETC in the public interest?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by March 29, 2021. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing. For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400, or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Randy Christmann, Commissioner
Julia Fodorach, Chair
Brian Kroschus, Commissioner
(Feb. 24, 2021) 2677125

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2021 LED Street and Area Lighting Dusk to Dawn
Tariff and Rates

Case No. PU-21-76
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
February 17, 2021

On February 3, 2021, Otter Tail Power Company (OTTP) filed changes to section 11.07 of its outdoor lighting and lighting tariff. OTTP requests approval of new decorative outdoor lighting options and tariff language clarification changes. OTTP also proposes new lighting rates for primary metered customers. The issues to consider in this proceeding are:

1. Are the proposed rates just and reasonable?
2. Do the proposed rates comply with the tariff?
3. Are the proposed rates just and reasonable?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by March 22, 2021. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

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Julia Fodorach, Chair
Brian Kroschus, Commissioner
(Feb. 24, 2021) 2677015

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Residential Telephone Cooperative Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-78
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
February 17, 2021

On February 3, 2021, Residential Telephone Cooperative (RTC) filed, as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that RTC be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?
3. Is designation of the applicant as an ETC in the public interest?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Dakota Communications LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-71
AMENDED NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
February 17, 2021

On January 28, 2021, Dakota Communications LLC (DakTel) filed, as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that DakTel be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021. DakTel also filed an application for designation as an ETC for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support for low-income consumers under 47 CFR Part 54 Subpart E. Such designation is also known as Lifeline-only ETC designation. DakTel proposes to provide Lifeline universal services to qualifying low income North Dakota customers using its own facilities. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

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Brian Kroschus, Commissioner
(Feb. 24, 2021) 2677125

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2021 LED Street and Area Lighting Dusk to Dawn
Tariff and Rates

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1. Are the proposed rates just and reasonable?
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Halstad Telephone Company Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-55
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
February 17, 2021

On January 28, 2021, Halstad Telephone Company (Halstad) filed, as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that Halstad be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MLGC, LLC
Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-50
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
February 17, 2021

On January 28, 2021, MLGC, LLC (MLGC) filed, as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that MLGC be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

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Brian Kroschus, Commissioner
(Feb. 24, 2021) 2677122

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Polar Telecom, Inc. Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-51
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
February 17, 2021

On January 28, 2021, Polar Telecom, Inc. (Polar) filed, as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that Polar be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Polar Telecom, Inc. Designated Eligible Carrier Expansion
Application

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Buffalo

From 1

In both animals and humans, but the rarity of albino buffalo is truly exceptional. In humans, it's 1 in 20,000. In some bird species, it's 1 in 2,000. In many mammals, it's estimated to be 1 in 10,000. Because buffalo were such an important resource for Native American tribes living on the Great Plains, they saw all buffalo as sacred. For that reason, the very rare white buffalo was one of—if not THE—most sacred animals on earth to peoples like the Lakota.

The National Park Service Biological Resources Division in Fort Collins, Colorado, wrote of the legend associated with the white buffalo in Lakota culture:

Long ago, there was a great famine and the Lakota chief sent out two scouts to hunt for food. While they were searching, they saw a figure in the distance. As they ap-

proached, the figure appeared to be a beautiful woman. One of the two scouts was filled with desire, but despite the warnings from the second scout that the woman appeared to be sacred, the man approached the woman. Soon a cloud enclosed the pair, and the man turned into a pile of bones. The second man approached the woman, and although frightened, the woman explained that she was wakan, or holy. She instructed the scout to go back to his people and tell them of her arrival. When the White Buffalo Calf Woman arrived, she brought the White Buffalo Calf chunupa (pipe)—the most sacred object a person can possess—and taught them seven sacred ways to pray. Before she left, she told the people that she would return again to restore harmony and spirituality to a troubled world. She then rolled upon the earth four times, chang-

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even greater impact. The Fellows have provided an extraordinary boost to help amplify the message and increase support for participating nonprofits and those they serve at a critical time," said Scott Holdman, Chief Transformation Officer at The High Impact Institute.

"The Fellowship provided students with high-impact projects to add to their creative portfolios and connected them to a community of peers working to make the world a better place. We're proud of the work they've done and fortunate to have their incredible talent in our region," said Kodee Furst, Programs Manager at The Nice Center at NDSU.

The ten Fellows will showcase their digital impact work and share their experiences during a Digital Impact Showcase. The Showcase will take place online on February 25, 2021, from 3:00 PM - 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Tickets are free and available on Eventbrite.

Local 4-Her Emma Olson got involved with the

Digital Impact Fellowship after Sue Milender sent out an email about it and because she saw that the DGI was going to be assisting with Giving Hearts Day, Emma wanted to be involved. She especially wanted to help make an impact on charities she is passionate about. Through the DGI, Emma and the other people involved partnered with a charity to help maximize each of their digital Giving Hearts Day Campaign, which took place on February 11. The one Emma partnered with was St. Gianna's Maternity Home in Minto, ND.

Though the fellowship isn't directly related to 4-H, Emma says that her 4-H background was incredibly helpful to her in participating. Emma got involved with 4-H after a friend encouraged her to join 5 years ago. She loves that she can learn, be of service and have fun with 4-H, and she encourages everyone who wants to be a part of 4-H to join. Emma Olson and Alyssa Thomsen, both SR 4-Hers, helped compile the information for this article.

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Maple Valley Public School District #4

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The Maple Valley Public School is seeking bids to do a complete remodel of our FACS classroom. We are looking for bids to demo and complete a 4 station Foods Lab that meets all ADA requirements. If interested, please contact Pat Windish, Superintendent, to arrange a time to look at the project. Contact number is 701-749-2570. The Maple Valley Public School reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Deadline for bids will be noon, March 24, 2021 at which time bids will be opened in the business office.

(Feb 17, 19, 24, 26, 2021)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Designated Eligible Carrier
Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-41
AMENDED NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

February 17, 2021
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Randy Christmann, Commissioner
Julia Fedorchak, Chair
Brian Kroschus, Commissioner
(Feb 24, 2021)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Designated Eligible Carrier
Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-55
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

February 17, 2021
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Randy Christmann, Commissioner
Julia Fedorchak, Chair
Brian Kroschus, Commissioner
(Feb 24, 2021)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Designated Eligible Carrier
Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-78
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

February 17, 2021
On February 3, 2021, Reservation Telephone Cooperative (RTC) filed as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that RTC be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:
1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?
3. Is designation of the applicant as an ETC in the public interest?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by March 29, 2021. It is deemed appropriate that the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Designated Eligible Carrier
Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-81
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

February 17, 2021
On January 28, 2021, Polaris Telecom Inc. (Polaris) filed, as a non-incumbent local exchange carrier, an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that Polaris be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:
1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?
3. Is designation of the applicant as an ETC in the public interest?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by March 29, 2021. It is deemed appropriate that the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

ments by 5:00 p.m., CT, on March 31, 2021. The plan can be viewed on NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, beginning on March 1, 2021. Please contact NDHFA prior to the hearing for accommodations or additional information.

Public Hearing Details:
Attendance to the public hearing is available by telephone only.
Toll-Free Dial (877) 216-1555
Passcode 536124
NDHFA Contact:
Jennifer Henderson
Director, Planning and Housing Development Division
PO Box 1536
Bismarck, ND 58502
(800) 292-9621
(800) 366-6889 (TTY)
nhfa@ndhfa.gov
Equal Housing Opportunity
(Feb 24, 2021)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Designated Eligible Carrier
Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-21-50
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

February 17, 2021
On January 28, 2021, MLCG, LLC (MLCG) filed an application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving Federal Communications Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I funding in Federal Communications Commission (FCC) specified census blocks in rural areas of North Dakota. The FCC requires that MLCG be designated as an ETC by June 7, 2021.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:
1. Is the applicant qualified under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 214(e) for designation as an ETC eligible to receive federal universal service funding?
2. What ETC universal service support area should be designated?
3. Is designation of the applicant as an ETC in the public interest?

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Randy Christmann, Commissioner
Julia Fedorchak, Chair
Brian Kroschus, Commissioner
(Feb 24, 2021)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA 2019
ANNUAL REPORT TO HUD

The North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services and North Dakota Housing Finance Agency announce the state's annual report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for 2019 Action Plan during the period of March 1-15, 2021. The 2019 Action Plan served as the state's grant application to HUD for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and National Housing Trust Fund programs. The Annual Report provides information on the various activities funded by these programs from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, and describes how these activities addressed the goals and objectives of the state's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. In addition, the Annual Report identifies the number and types of households that benefited from these programs during the 2019 program year.

To obtain a copy of the Annual Report, contact Bonnie Malt at 701-328-1300, ND Relay TTY: 1-800-366-6888, ND Relay Voice: 1-800-366-6889, ND Relay Spanish: 1-800-435-5848 or e-mail b.malt@nd.gov. The report can also be viewed on our website at:

http://www.communityservices.nd.gov/communitydevelopment/ConsolidatedPlan/

Alternative formats of this report are available upon request. The public may submit written comments to the report. Comments must be received by the close of business on March 16, 2021.

Send written comments to:
Bonnie Malt
ND Department of Commerce
Division of Community Services
PO Box 2057
Bismarck, ND 58502-2057
(Feb 24, 2021)

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NORTH DAKOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
PROPOSED ALLOCATION PLAN
UNDER THE 2021 NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND

North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) will hold a Public Hearing, via toll-free conference call with respect to its Proposed Allocation Plan Under the 2021 National Housing Trust Fund on April 1, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. CT.

SECTION 00100
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TENNIS COURTS RECONSTRUCTION
VALLEY CITY PARKS AND RECREATION

VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA
Sealed bids will be received by the Valley City Parks and Recreation, at the office of the Valley City Parks and Recreation, Gaukler Family Wellness Center, 733 8th Ave. SW, Valley City, ND 58072, until 1:30PM CT, March 17th, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of materials, labor, equipment and skill required for the construction of TENNIS COURTS RECONSTRUCTION and incidental items in and for said Valley City Parks and Recreation, as is more fully described and set forth in the plans and specifications therefore, which are now on file in the office of the KJL Engineering LLC, Valley City, ND. Bids shall be upon cash payment on the following estimated quantities and types of work:

Removal of existing concrete surface net systems, chain link fence, and trees. Cast-in-place concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, retaining walls. Post-tension concrete tennis courts and acrylic sport court surfacing. Tennis net system, electrical relocations, shed reconstruction, vinyl coated chain link fence, concrete landscape curb, rock landscape material, rip-rap and rockwork. The contract documents are on file and may be examined at the following:

Valley City Parks and Recreation
Gaukler Family Wellness Center
733 8th Avenue SW
Valley City, North Dakota 58072
Complete digital project bidding documents are available at

www.kjle.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$23.00 by inputting project # 7602311 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact Quest-CDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project.

Optional paper sets of 11"x17" Plans and an 8.5"x11" Project Manual are also available for a non-refundable fee of \$75.00 per set for each project (until at KJL Engineering, LLC, 1010 4th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072. Please contact us at 701-845-4980 if you have any questions.

All bids are to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and each bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor's license and bid seal. The bid seal security must be in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid and must be in the name of the bidder's bond. A bidder's bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and be a surety company licensed to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal's bid is accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal will, within (10) days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and the bid bond as required by the laws of the State of North Dakota and the laws and ordinances of the governing body. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days allowed, the bidder's bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish Contract Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract. Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bidder. In addition, the bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following information:

1. The work covered by the bidder.
2. The name of the bidder.
3. Separate envelope containing bid bond and a copy of North Dakota Contractor's License or certificate of renewal.

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Should the Contractor fail to complete the work within the time required herein or within such extra time as may have been granted by formal extensions of time, the work by the Owner, there will be deducted from any amount due the Contractor the sum of \$1,100.00 per day and every day that the completion of the work is delayed. The Contractor and its surety will be liable for any excess. Such payment will be as and for liquidated damages. Dated this 22nd day of February, 2021.

VALLEY CITY PARKS AND RECREATION
VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA
B. Taylor, 701-845-4980

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10, 17, & 24, 2021

Public Notice
FULL NONDISCRIMINATION
STATEMENT FROM
MISSOURI VALLEY
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

HOME Program
Legal Notice
Affidavit of Publication
Comments

State of North Dakota 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement
PROPOSED HOME PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2021 PROGRAM YEAR

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The North Dakota HOME Program has two primary activities, homeowner assistance and rental production/assistance. The PDS is a description of how the state plans to distribute FY 2021 HOME funds and administer the program.

The public input meeting is for interested parties to provide either written or oral comments regarding the proposed PDS. Persons who do not attend the hearing may submit written comments by 5:00 p.m., CT, on March 09, 2021. The plan can be viewed on DCS's website www.communityservices.nd.gov or NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, beginning on February 22, 2021. Should anyone require auxiliary aids or services, or need additional information, please contact NDHFA prior to the hearing.

Public Hearing Details:

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Toll-Free Dial (877) 216-1555
Passcode 526124

NDHFA Contact:

Jennifer Henderson
Director, Planning and Housing Development Division
PO Box 1535
Bismarck, ND 58502
(800) 292-8621
(800) 366-6889 (TTY)
(800)-435-8590 (Spanish)
hfainfo@nd.gov

Equal Housing Opportunity



Events

Advisory Board Meetings

All meetings take place at 10:00 a.m., NDHFA Board Room, 2624 Vermont Ave, Bismarck, ND. Dates are tentative.

- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11
- July 9
- August 13
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December 10

Lender Training

Lender Training classes are targeted to Participating Lenders new to NDHFA's homeownership programs. Loan officers, processors, closers and other pertinent staff will benefit from the sessions. Experienced staff are welcome to sign-up, but preference is given to participants that are not familiar with the agency's programs.

There are no in-person trainings scheduled at this time. Please refer to the training videos here.

[ONLINE REGISTRATION HERE](#) – REQUIRES LENDER LOG-IN

Housing Forums

Past Housing Conferences/Forums

- [2021 Homeownership Forum](#)
 - [How to View Recorded Sessions](#)
- [2020 Homeownership Forum](#)
- [2019 Conference Materials](#)

Public Notices

March 10, 2021, 1:00 p.m., CT

[Proposed HOME Program Distribution Statement for 2021 Program Year](#)
[2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement Draft](#)

Contact Us

2624 Vermont Avenue
PO Box 1535
Bismarck, ND 58502-1535
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Affidavit of Publication

Colleen Park, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:
ND Housing Finance Agency - State of North Dakota 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement; 1 time(s) as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

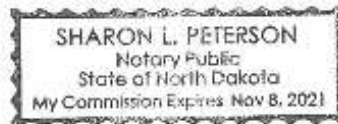
Signed: Colleen Park

State of North Dakota

County of Burleigh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of March, 2021

Sharon L. Peterson



CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):

Job No.: 33
Project Name: NH-3-002(170/284)
Length: 11.282
Type: MILL & OVERLAY 2" MAX
County(s): RAMSEY & NELSON Cos
Location: US 2 FROM 2 MI E OF GRABY, E TO JCT ND 1 (LAKOTA), WESTBOUND ROADWAY

Job No.: 36
Project Name: SS-3-020(138/077)
Length: 19.652
Type: CHIP SEAL
County(s): RAMSEY Co
Location: ND 20 FROM EDDY COUNTY LINE (WARWICK) TO JCT ND 57

Job No.: 44
Project Name: SS-6-017(005/082, SS-6-032(068/108, SS-6-069(030/124, & NH-6-051(100/296)
Length: 47.820
Type: CHIP SEAL
County(s): RAMSEY, PEMBINA, & WALSH Cos

Location: ND 17 FROM JCT ND 1 TO JCT CMC 5001 (ADAMS); ND 32 FROM JCT CMC 5006 (EDINBURG), N TO S JCT ND 66; ND 66 FROM S JCT US 81 (ST THOMAS) TO RED RIVER & US 81 FROM 5 MI N OF ST THOMAS TO JCT ND 5 (HAMILTON)

Job No.: 48
Project Name: HES-6-909(049)
Type: PAVEMENT MARKING
County(s): RAMSEY, BARNES, CASS, CAVALIER, FOSTER, GRAND FORKS, GRIGGS, NELSON, PEMBINA, STEELE, & WALSH Cos
Location: VARIOUS US/STATE HIGHWAYS IN THE GRAND FORKS DISTRICT

Job No.: 60
Project Name: ITS-8-928(447)
Type: MAINTENANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SENSOR STATIONS (ESS), SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEMS (CAMERA) AND DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGNS (DMS)

County(s): RAMSEY, BARNES, BENSON, BILLINGS, BOTTINEAU, BOWMAN, BURLEIGH, CASS, DIVIDE, DUNN, GRAND FORKS, GRANT, LAMOUR, MCKENZIE, MCLEAN, MORRISON, MOUNTRAIL, PEMBINA, RICHARD, ROLETTE, SLOPE, STARK, STUTSMAN, WALSH, & WILLIAMS Cos
Location: VARIOUS HIGHWAYS STATEWIDE - 2021 ITS

Bids will be received via the Bid Express on-line bidding exchange at www.bids.com until 08:30AM, March 12, 2021. Bids will be opened at that time at the NDOT building on the capital grounds in Bismarck and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at <http://www.ndot.nd.gov/business/bids> info.htm approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDOT website at <http://www.ndot.nd.gov> and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota.

All bidders not currently prequalified with NDOT must submit an online Contractor's Prequalification request to the Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening. The online application can be found on the NDOT website at <http://www.ndot.nd.gov/business/contractors.htm>

NDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.

For disability/language assistance, call 701-328-2978.

Requested by:
William T. Paoos, Director
North Dakota Department of Transportation

(c2: 18)

State of North Dakota 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement PROPOSED HOME PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2021 PROGRAM YEAR

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Public Hearing Details:
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Toll-Free Dial (877) 216-1556
Passcode: 529124

NDHFA Contact:
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 1171 OF THE CITY OF WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of West Fargo, North Dakota, at a regularly scheduled meeting on the 16th day of January, 2021, had the question of the second reading and final passage of Ordinance No. 1171 before them and duly adopted the same. The ordinance was entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA, AS ADOPTED IN SECTION 4-301 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST FARGO.

The ordinance is for the purpose of rezoning the following-described property from a P (Public Facilities) District to a PUD (Planned Unit Development) District:

Lot 3, Block 1 of Kappang Subdivision to the City of West Fargo, AND Lot 10, Block 3 of Maple Ridge at The Preserve Four in Addition to the City of West Fargo.

Also collectively known as the proposed Plat of Maple Ridge at The Preserve Four in Addition to the City of West Fargo.

A certified copy of the ordinance is available for public inspection and copying at the office of the City Auditor between the hours of 8:00-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m., all days except weekends and holidays.

The penalty clause of the ordinance reads as follows: PENALTY CLAUSE: SECTION 4-574. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION. Any person violating any section of this title shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 1-2211. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

1-2211. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION. Any violation of an ordinance of the City of West Fargo shall be an infraction unless another penalty is specifically provided for the violation in these ordinances, or unless state law defines an offense in language similar to the ordinance as a class B misdemeanor, in which case the violation of the ordinance shall be penalized as a class B misdemeanor. An infraction may be punished by a maximum fine of \$1,000. The Municipal Judge shall have the authority to establish the penalty for each infraction which is an offense up to a maximum of \$1,000, except for offenses for which a penalty is set by State law, in which case the court must sentence in accordance with State law. Any person convicted of an infraction who has, within one year before commission of the infraction of which the person was convicted, been convicted previously at least twice of the same offense classified as an infraction, may be sentenced as though convicted of a class B misdemeanor. If the prosecution contends that the infraction is punishable as a class B misdemeanor, the complaint or citation shall specify that the offense is a misdemeanor.

A class B misdemeanor may be punished by a maximum fine of \$1,500, or 30 days imprisonment, or both.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

Bernie L. Dardis
President of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of West Fargo, North Dakota
(Feb. 17, 2021) 2676201

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing Notice - Dilworth Planning Commission

The City of Dilworth Planning Commission will meet in regular session Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 2 First Avenue SE. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on text amendments to the following Dilworth Zoning Ordinance chapters: Chapter 3 Rules & Definitions, Chapter 19 Central Business District (C3), Chapter 20 Light Industrial District (I1), Chapter 21 Heavy Industrial District (I2), and Chapter 26 Signage.

The content of this public hearing relates to the regulation and placement of signage in the City of Dilworth, specifically off-premise, billboard, and electronic signs. Pursuant to the Emergency Declaration dated March 16, 2020 and Resolution 20-12, in-person meetings are closed to the public and not practical due to COVID-19. If you wish to listen in and/or participate in the meeting you are being asked to call, at 5:30 p.m., 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 346 7429 1443 or you may join interactively at <https://zoom.us/j/34674291443>. This meeting link will also be provided on the city website prior to the meeting.

All interested persons are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing. Inquiries, letters in favor of, or letters in opposition may be submitted to the attention of: L. Peyton Masters, City Administrator, at the aforementioned address, by telephone: 216-267-2313, or email: cityhall@dilworthmn.us. If other accommodations are needed, please contact city hall. The proposed amendments can be viewed by contacting City Hall. (Feb. 17, 2021) 2676234

These vehicle(s) have been impounded by the North Dakota Highway Patrol and we are seeking the (owner's) address, by telephone: 1-800-368-6666, or email: license@ndhpn.org. License Plate: 186CRD VIN: 201TWW12M003621510 Place of Storage: Gory's 11506 33rd St SE Casselton, ND 58012 Impounding Agency: North Dakota Highway Patrol 374 34th Street S, Suite A Fargo, ND 58103 Incarcerating Agency: Benjamin Phelps 501 4th St SW Casselton, ND 58012 Lienholder: NONE Owner and/or Lienholder have 30 days to claim the vehicle from the date of publication or the time-ignition device or LE agency will be granted legal ownership of the vehicle. (Feb. 17, 2021) 2676269

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on the 1st day of March 2021, at 5:30 P.M. at the City Hall of West Fargo, North Dakota, concerning the enactment of a proposed zoning ordinance. The following:

A text amendment to the Agricultural District standards to include within the conditionally permitted use of 4-211.3 for the "Seasonal sale of retail goods". A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection by contacting planning@westfargo.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
Bernie L. Dardis
President of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of West Fargo, North Dakota
(Feb. 17 & 24, 2021) 2676301

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on the 1st day of March 2021, at 5:30 P.M. at the City Hall of West Fargo, North Dakota, concerning the enactment of a proposed zoning ordinance. The proposed ordinance involves the following described property: Lots 20 and 21, Block 3 of Westview 1st Addition, City of West Fargo, North Dakota (Proposed Westview 5th Addition). The ordinance is for the purpose of rezoning from an R-15M: Mixed One & Two Family Dwelling District to a PUD: Planned Unit Development District.

A copy of the proposed plat is available for public inspection by contacting planning@westfargo.gov. BY ORDER OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
Bernie L. Dardis
President of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of West Fargo, North Dakota
(Feb. 17 & 24, 2021) 2676304

Jeffrey Gunkelman (407229) KENNELLY BUSINESS LAW 1213 NP Avenue, Suite 301 Fargo ND 58102 (701) 476-6900 jeff@kennellybusinesslaw.com Attorneys for: Personal Representative

Probate No. 09-2021-PR-00045 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Cassandra Diederich Berg, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Scott Diederich has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the undersigned, Jeffrey B. Gunkelman, Attorney for the Estate of Cassandra Diederich Berg, or Scott Diederich as Personal Representative of the estate, at Kennelly Business Law, 1213 NP Avenue, Suite 301, Fargo, North Dakota 58102, or filed with the Court. DATED this 10th day of February, 2021.

KENNELLY BUSINESS LAW
Jeffrey Gunkelman
(Feb. 17 & 24, March 3, 2021) 2676345

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF CASS IN DISTRICT COURT EAST CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Unifund CCR, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Wesley Sagrod, Defendant. File No. 09-2021-CV-00266

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

[1] You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against this action, which is, hereinafter, the undersigned an answer to the summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service. If you fail to do so judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Dated: February 11, 2021

/s/ Brittany Kiosleman
Brittany Kiosleman
ROCHEBURG LAW FIRM
Attorneys for Plaintiff
PO Box 2427
Fargo, ND 58106-2427
701/236-6411
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(Feb. 17, 24 & March 3, 2021) 2676366

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT PERMIT FOR A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY UNDER THE NORTH DAKOTA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES

FACILITY NAME: Starcycle, Inc. Permit 0356 APPLICANT: Starcycle, Inc. 1670 Meadowview Road Esagon, MN 55121

BACKGROUND: On April 1, 2020, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a permit application for the renewal of Starcycle, Inc.'s regulated infectious waste transfer facility. A revised application, dated September 1, 2020, was received by the Department. A request for permit modification seeking an extension for the storage time limit in the refrigerated trailer, dated September 7, 2020, was received by the Department. This permit modification will be incorporated into the permit renewal. Starcycle, Inc. currently owns and operates a regulated infectious waste transfer station facility, regulated under Permit 0356, located at 4225 Main Avenue in the City of Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota.

The facility was first permitted in 2004.

The Department believes that a permit which meets the requirements of the North Dakota Solid Waste Management Rules and is protective of human health and the environment can be issued to Starcycle, Inc. and has prepared a Draft Permit for public review and comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARING

As required by Section 33.1-20-03.1-03 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, the Draft Permit will be available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days following publication of the Public Notice. The public comment period begins February 17, 2021 and ends March 18, 2021. During that period, any interested person may submit written comments and request a public hearing by stating the nature of the specific issues to be raised. A fifteen (15) day notice will be provided before any hearing is scheduled. The proposed PDS. Persons who do not attend the hearing may submit written comments by 5:00 p.m., CT, on March 18, 2021. The plan can be viewed on DCS's website www.communityservices.net.gov or NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, beginning on February 22, 2021. Should anyone require auxiliary aids or services, or need additional information, please contact NDHFA prior to the hearing.

The public input meeting is for interested parties to provide either written or oral comments regarding the proposed PDS. Persons who do not attend the hearing may submit written comments by 5:00 p.m., CT, on March 18, 2021. The plan can be viewed on DCS's website www.communityservices.net.gov or NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, beginning on February 22, 2021. Should anyone require auxiliary aids or services, or need additional information, please contact NDHFA prior to the hearing.

Public Hearing Details: Attendance to the public hearing is available by telephone only. Toll-Free Dial (877) 216-1555 Passcode 526124 NDHFA Contact: Jennifer Henderson Director, Planning and Housing Development Division PO Box 1535 Bismarck, ND 58002 (800) 292-6621 (800) 366-6889 (TTY) (800) 435-8500 (Spanish) hahn@nd.gov Equal Housing Opportunity (Feb. 17, 2021) 2676410

Comments may also be sent via e-mail to solidwaste@nd.gov. The Draft Permit and Permit Application are available for review during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Management, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND. A copy of this Public Notice is also on the Department's website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>

Anyone requiring special access or accommodations to review the Draft Permit may contact the Department at 701-336-5166. (Feb. 17, 2021) 2676407

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VIRTUAL PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

WHY?

To receive public input and comments on the DRAFT Long Range Transportation Plan known as Transportation Connection.

WHEN?

Statewide Virtual Public Input Meeting will be held twice on March 9th
2:00-3:00pm Central / 1:00-2:00 Mountain
6:30-7:30pm Central / 5:30-6:30 Mountain

Comment period:

March 9 through April 12, 2021
A recorded presentation will be available by March 15th.

WHERE?

Visit TransportationConnection.org

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
PROJECT OVERVIEW

Grand Forks & Walsh Counties are requesting the services of qualified engineering firms to perform Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services to complete the following projects:

- Past Performance
- Ability of professional personnel
- Willingness to meet time and budget requirements
- Location
- Recent, current, and projected workloads of the persons and/or firms
- Recent and current work for the County
- Project understanding, issues, & approach

The proposal prices shall be numbered and must be limited to 10 pages in length. Proposals that exceed the 10 page length requirement will not be considered. The cover letter will not be counted as one of the 10 pages. The proposal should list the personnel who will be assigned to work on the project, including titles, education, and work experience. Grand Forks & Walsh

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Courtesy will only consider proposals received prior to 12:00 P.M. February 22, 2021. Late proposals will be deemed unresponsive. The consultants proposal may include an appendix. Resumes, references, a statement of qualifications and other materials outlining experience may be included in an appendix. The appendix will not be considered as a part of the 10 page proposal. Each proposal will be evaluated by a selection committee.

Grand Forks & Walsh Counties will conduct interviews. The Counties plans to interview up to three (3) of the most qualified engineering firms based on whose proposals most clearly meet the RFP requirements. Interviews will take place on a date to be determined by the Counties. Firms not selected to be interviewed will be notified in writing. The Counties intend to exercise one or more fixed fee contracts. Fees shall be negotiated with the successful firm. If the fee cannot be agreed upon, the Counties reserve the right to terminate negotiations, and then negotiate with the second and third ranked firms in order, if necessary, until a satisfactory contract has been negotiated. Grand Forks County shall be the lead County and would sign the Contract. The project is bid through the NDDOT bid date February 23, 2021.

All costs associated with the proposal shall be borne by the proposer. The Counties reserve the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to not award contracts for any and/or all projects. Engineering firms interested in performing the work shall submit four (4) hard bound copies and an electronic pdf file of their proposal to: Grand Forks County Engineer, 1700 N. Columbia Road

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Grand Forks, ND 58203
701-780-8244
rick.west@gfcountynod.gov

Title VI assures that no person or group of persons may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap or disability, be excluded from participation in, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs or activities administered by the Department. For information regarding the Title VI Program see the NDDOT website at: <http://www.nddot.gov/divisions/civilrights/> (Feb. 3, 10 & 17, 2021) 2674433

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Grand Forks County is requesting the services of qualified engineering firms to perform Phase I Preliminary Engineering and affiliated services to complete the following project. Both structures have previously been recorded and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

- 110-110-05.0, aka Midway Bridge, Strabane Turn 25 / Johnson Turn 30, NRHP reference number 97002176
- 104-124-28.0, aka Old Valley Bridge, Waite Turn 24/25, NRHP reference number 10001339

SHO-0218(037): Phase I - Structure Replacements and Incidental

Preliminary Services

Work to be performed at both sites by consultant includes: Phase I Environmental Document, Project Management, Project Administration, ground survey, preliminary design based on County signed NEPA approval, Nationwide 4(f) for historic bridges, catex & 4(f) document,

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Class III survey, MOA administration for diverse effects to historic bridges, wetland delineation, 404 Nationwide permit, floodplain permit. Consultant shall perform all Phase I activities to achieve approval to remove structures. Additional services, if required, may be negotiated and supplemental agreements issued based on need and consultant's performance, the consultant's proposal and available funding.

Grand Forks County shall perform the hydraulic survey & design, Phase II design services and phase III construction services. Firms are invited to submit a proposal for the project listed above. The Proposals shall provide the following information:

- Past Performance
- Ability of professional personnel
- Willingness to meet time and budget requirements
- Office Location
- Recent, current, and projected workloads of the persons and/or firms
- Related experience on similar historic projects

The proposal prices shall be numbered and must be limited to 10 pages in length. The proposal should list the personnel who will be assigned to work on the project, including titles, education, and work experience. Grand Forks County will only consider proposals received prior to 12:00 P.M. February 22, 2021. Late proposals will be deemed unresponsive.

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The County intends to execute one or more fixed fee contracts. Fees shall be negotiated with the successful firm. If the fee cannot be agreed upon, the County reserve the right to terminate negotiations, and then negotiate with the second and third ranked firms in order, if necessary, until a satisfactory contract has been negotiated. All costs associated with the proposal shall be borne by the proposer. The County reserve the right to reject any and/or all proposals and to not award contracts for any and/or all projects. Engineering firms interested in performing the work shall submit four (4) hard bound copies and an electronic pdf file of their proposal to: Grand Forks County Engineer, 1700 N. Columbia Road, Grand Forks, ND 58203 701-780-8244 rick.west@gfcountynod.gov

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SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals for the 2021 Building Exterior Improvements will be received by SPO by the Owner to the attention of Brian Larson, Associate Director of Construction Management, at the University of North Dakota, 3791 Campus Road, Stop #9032, Grand Forks, North Dakota, on the campus of the University of North Dakota, and 2:00 P.M. Local Time, on Thursday, February 25th, 2021, at which time the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. The bid opening will be broadcast via "Zoom" with the following link:

<https://us02.zoom.us/j/26111921>
07pdd-Mu5L19Q0uCVH0b0x0e156F4Ud208k0m+address=
Meeting ID: 916 611 9210
Passcode: 074894

SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Building Exterior Improvements

The drawings, information to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Form of Performance-Payment Bond, Technical Specifications, Addenda, and the contract documents may be examined at the following places:

- State Procurement Office Online System: <https://procurement.spo-online-bid.org>
- Grand Forks Builders and Traders Exchange at www.btgfl.com

Bids shall be submitted through the State Procurement Office Online System (SPO online), prior to the time and date for the receipt of bids. Information on how to submit a bid is on the SPO website. Bidders may also request and obtain paper copies of the plans and specifications to be distributed at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting as detailed below. Bidders wanted to reserve a set of plans and specifications shall contact Brian Thompson (Gartland) at 612-710-0787 to reserve a set of documents.

All questions and requests for clarification regarding this solicitation must be addressed to the Procurement Officer. All questions must be submitted via email to the Procurement Officer at b.thompson@gartland.com. Any questions related to the bid process and simple procedural questions will be answered over the phone.

The project is bid as a single Combined Contract. Completion schedules are critical, and liquidated damages will be applied for late completion.

A Mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled to be held via Zoom at 2:00 P.M. February 19th, 2021, to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting follow the link below:

Join Mandatory PRE-BID MEETING via ZOOM
<https://us02.zoom.us/j/858934017360>
Meeting ID: 859 3401 7360

Contractors will be allowed to visit campus and gain access to each "Site Visit" scheduled during a 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. February 17th, 2021. All contractors wanting to attend the site visit must email their attendance to b.thompson@gartland.com and 8:00 A.M. on February 16th, 2021.

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tion of the governing body. Bids shall comply with North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-01.2 as amended. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within the time allowed, the bidder's bid shall be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder. Certified checks, money orders, personal checks, cash, or forms other than a bid bond will not be accepted. No bidder may withdraw his bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Bid Bond of the three lowest bidders for each contract to be retained until the contract has been awarded and executed, but no longer than thirty (30) days after the date of the bid.

All Bidders shall hold a valid North Dakota Contractor's license of the proper class for the full amount of the bid as required by North Dakota Law Sections 43-07.05 and 43-07.12 and shall enclose a copy of the license or Certificate of Registration with the bid. The license PDF as the Bidder's Bid. A Contractor shall be the holder of a license at least ten days prior to the date set for receiving bids to be a qualified Bidder.

No bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above requirements as to bond and licenses, and any deficient bid submitted must be resubmitted and returned to the bidder's proposal. Bids shall be in accordance with and submitted on the Bid form supplied within the Bid Documents. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the Bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities thereon and rebid the project until a satisfactory bid is received. The Owner reserves the right to award to the lowest responsible bidder, but is not limited to, bid amount, unit prices, and past performance of the bidder.

The successful Bidder will be required to provide a certificate from and by the State of North Dakota, Tax Commissioner showing that all taxes due and owing to the State of North Dakota have been paid, Workers' Compensation Insurance Certificate, Certificate of insurance to include North Dakota Stop Gap coverage, Builders' Risk coverage, Company Safety Manual, Performance and Payment Bond and Waiver of Subrogation.

The work of this Project shall be completed as defined on the Drawings and Project Manual.

By Brian Larson, PE
Associate Director of Construction Management
01/29/2021
(Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2021) 2674460

State of North Dakota 2021 HOME Plan Distribution Statement
PROPOSED HOME PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2021 PROGRAM YEAR

The North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services (DCS) in partnership with North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) will hold a public input meeting, via teleconference call, to discuss the proposed HOME Program Distribution Statement (PDS) under the 2021 HOME Program on March 10, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. CT.

The 2021 HOME Program has two primary activities, homeowner assistance and rental construction. The PDS is a description of how the state plans to distribute FY 2021 HOME funds and administer the program.

The public input meeting is for interested parties to provide either written or oral comments regarding the proposed PDS. Persons who do not attend the hearing may submit written comments by 5:00 p.m., CT, on March 09, 2021. The plan can be viewed on DCS's website www.communityservices.nd.gov and NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, beginning on February 22, 2021.

Should anyone require auxiliary aids or services, or need additional information, please contact NDHFA prior to the hearing.

Public Hearing Details:
Attendance to the public hearing is available by telephone only. Toll-free toll (877) 216-1555. Parade 526124

NDHFA Contact:
Jennifer Henderson
Director, Planning and Housing Development Division
PO Box 1535
Bismarck, ND 58502
(800) 292-0621
(800) 366-6868 (TTY)
(800) 435-8590 (Spanish)
hansen@nd.gov

Equal Housing Opportunity
(Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2021) 2674610

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

Paving District No. 754.1,
Project No. 8282.1

RESOLVED That the city council has received and considered the report of the city engineer as to the general nature, purpose and feasibility of the proposed paving (mill & overlay) in and for Paving District No. 754.1, designated as Project No. 8282.1, and an estimate of the probable cost of the work, and approves the report and directs it to be filed in the city auditor's office, where any person interested may examine it, and directs the engineer to prepare detailed plans and specifications for construction of the improvement and determines that it is necessary to make the improvement as described in the report, to-wit: Purpose and general nature: Improvement of the municipal system serving the district by construction of paving street lights.

Location: Project location area consists of an area on N 3rd St (8th Ave N to Gateway Dr) and 8th Ave N (N 3rd St to Gateway Dr).

FURTHER RESOLVED That special assessments for the improvement shall be levied upon properties within the boundaries of the district as hereinafter created, to-wit: To serve the area of McCormick's 1st & 2nd Addition: All of Said Block - Part of Block 46; McCormick's 1st Addition: All of Block 47 plus NW 1/4 of Block 47 of Vac 10th Ave N; Lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, plus 1/2 Block 42 of Vac Sts & Allys Adj thereto; Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, plus 1/2 Block 42 of Vac Sts & Allys Adj thereto; Lots 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, plus 1/2 of Vac Alley; Lots 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, plus 1/2 of Vac Alley; Lot 4, Block 38; Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, plus 1/2 of Vac Alley; Lot 4, Block 38; Lot 27 & North 1/2 of Block 43 S 1/4 of Lot 29 & All of Lot 31; Block 43; Lots 1, 3, 5 & North 1/2 of Lot 9 & 1/2 of Block 38; S 1/2 of Lot 7 & N 1/2 of Lot 9; Block 38; S 1/2 of Lot 9 & All of Lot 11; Block 38; Lots 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31; Block 38.

McCormick's 2nd Addition: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and that portion of Block 41 Lot 5 & 6 on W side of N 1st St Less St & Vac Portion of N 2nd St Adj to W & S of Said Lots.

Saint Ann's Resubdivision Lot 1 - 3, Block 1.

FURTHER RESOLVED That the entire cost, except such part not exceeding one-fifth as the city council may direct, be paid by general taxation, shall be paid by the levy of special assessments upon such properties in amounts proportionate to and not exceed the benefits to be received by them from the improvement, as determined by the Special Assessment Commission and the city council after hearings as required by law.

FURTHER RESOLVED That the City proposes to undertake the acquisition and construction of the project described above (the "Project") and to make original expenditures with respect thereto prior to the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and reasonably expects to issue reimbursement bonds, in one or more series, for the Project in a principal amount not to exceed \$51,036.40. Other than (i) the minimum amounts permitted to be reimbursed pursuant to Section 1.150-21(i)(1) of the Income Tax Regulations (the "Regulations") or (ii) expenditures constituting preliminary expenditures as defined in Section 1.150-21(i)(2) of the Regulations, the City will not seek reimbursement for any original expenditures with respect to the foregoing Project paid more than 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this resolution.

All original expenditures for which reimbursement is sought will be capital expenditures or costs of issuance of the reimbursement bonds. FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official newspaper, and the city council shall at its regular meeting to be held March 15, 2021, to hear and determine the sufficiency of any written protests which owners of property within the district may file with the city auditor within thirty days after the first publication.

Done by order of the city council of the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota, this 19th day of January, 2021.

Maurien Storsland, City Auditor
Approved this 19th day of January, 2021

Brandon Bochenko, Mayor

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

Paving District No. 755.4,
Project No. 8312.4

RESOLVED That the city council has received and considered the report of the city engineer as to the general nature, purpose and feasibility of the proposed paving (Concrete, Plain Reinvestment and Grind) in and for Paving District No. 755.4, designated as Project No. 8312.4, and an estimate of the probable cost of the work, and approves the report and directs it to be filed in the city auditor's office, where any person interested may examine it, and directs the engineer to prepare detailed plans and specifications for construction of the improvement and determines that it is necessary to make the improvement as described in the report, to-wit: Purpose and general nature: Improvement of the municipal system serving the district by construction of paving street lights.

Location: Project location area consists of an area on 24th Ave S 1/4 34th St S 1/4 52nd St.

FURTHER RESOLVED That special assessments for the improvement shall be levied upon properties within the boundaries of the district as hereinafter created, to-wit: To serve the area of Amundson's Second Resubdivision: Lot 1, 3 and B, Block 1; Aurora Plaza Addition: Lots A, B and D, Block 1; WFLY of 50' Lot C, Block 1.

Birkholz 1st Addition: Lots A, H, J, Q, W, Block 2; Birkholz's 2nd Addition: Lots 2 - 9, Block 1; Lots 1 - 12, Block 2; Lots 1 - 10, Block 3.

Birkholz's 3rd Addition: Lots A - H, J, N, P, U, Block 1; Birkholz's 4th Addition: Lot 1 - 7, Block 1; Lots 1 - 8, Block 2; Lots 1 - 16, Block 3.

Birkholz's 5th Addition: Lot 1 - 41, Block 1; Lot 1 - 33, Block 2; Lot 1 - 33, Block 3; Lot 1 - 49, Block 4; Block 5; Block 6; Birkholz's 6th Addition: Lots C - H, J, Z, Block 1; Robertson First Addition: Lots 1 - 11, Block 1; Innes First Resubdivision: Lot 1, Block 1; Columbia Park 14th: Lot B, Block 1.

Columbia Park 15th: Lots 2 - 33, A and B, Block A; Lots 1 - 26, Block B; Lots A - H, J, Z, AA, BB, CC, DD, EE, FF, Block C; Lots A & B, Block D; Columbia Park 30th Resubdivision: Lot 1, 2, 3, A & B, Block 1.

Also to include unimproved parcels of Grand Forks Township: W100' of N300' of S1369.51' of NW1/4 less RW 17-151-50.

Also to include the unimproved areas: Aurora Plaza Addition: Lot C, Block 1 (Less Part Adjoined to City); PT NW1/4 SEC. 44 747.73 EX 14.24 TO BIRKHOLZ 2ND EX 13.90A EX 8.30 TO BIRKHOLZ 4TH; PT NW1/4 SEC. 1290.5' of NW COR of NW1/4 EX. 76A TO CITY 17-151-50.

FURTHER RESOLVED That the entire cost, except such part not exceeding one-fifth as the city council may direct, be paid by general taxation, shall be paid by the levy of special assessments upon such properties in amounts proportionate to and not exceed the benefits to be received by them from the improvement, as determined by the Special Assessment Commission and the city council after hearings as required by law.

FURTHER RESOLVED That the City proposes to undertake the acquisition and construction of the project described above (the "Project") and to make original expenditures with respect thereto prior to the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and reasonably expects to issue reimbursement bonds, in one or more series, for the Project in a principal amount not to exceed \$130,547.20. Other than (i) the minimum amounts permitted to be reimbursed pursuant to Section 1.150-21(i)(1) of the Income Tax Regulations (the "Regulations") or (ii) expenditures constituting preliminary expenditures as defined in Section 1.150-21(i)(2) of the Regulations, the City will not seek reimbursement for any original expenditures with respect to the foregoing Project paid more than 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this resolution.

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Brandon Bochenko, Mayor



Deep freeze wreaks havoc on nation's energy sector

By Swati Verma
Reuters

A deep freeze continued to wreak havoc on the U.S. energy sector, bringing operations to a halt at the Houston Ship Channel, while several of the biggest oil refineries remained offline in the nation's largest crude-producing state.

Overall, around 5.3 million customers were without power in most states including Texas and New York, with around 4.3 million customers out in Texas alone, according to local power companies.

The weather, unusually harsh for southern states, knocked out more than 3 million barrels of daily refining capacity in the U.S. Gulf, according to Reuters calculations, and industry analysts say crude production could be affected for days or

weeks.

The cold snap sent oil prices to near 13-month highs, while front-month gas futures jumped to an over three-month high.

In the spot market, next-day power at the ERCOT North hub jumped to a record high of \$1,489.75 per megawatt hour (MWh).

Terminal closures

The Houston Ship Channel is crucial to U.S. oil and fuel exports as well as shipments of grains and other products. About 13 vessels were waiting to depart the channel, while 18 were in a queue to come into the waterway, a dispatcher said.

"A lot of terminals are closed. That is mostly keeping employees out of the roads," said the dispatcher of the Houston Pilots Association, which guides vessels in and out

of the channel, a 53-mile waterway connecting the busiest U.S. petrochemical port with the Gulf of Mexico.

Some of the nation's largest refiners had shut production including Motiva Enterprises' facilities at Port Arthur, Texas — which can process more than 600,000 bpd of crude — the largest refiner in the country.

Valero Energy, Exxon Mobil, Total SE had also halted operations at their Texas plants by Monday.

About 807,000 barrels per day (bpd) of crude processing was offline in the Corpus Christi area, while 1.2 million bpd was out in the Beaumont, Nederland and Port Arthur regions, energy consultancy Wood Mackenzie said.

About 1.3 million to 1.8 million bpd remained offline in Houston, Wood

Mackenzie said.

"The combination of increasing demand of heating fuels and refinery outages are likely to trigger a spike in prices across the suite of refined products from diesel to propane," Rystad Energy's vice president for oil markets Paola Rodriguez Maslu said in a note.

"The new outages will tighten supply for refined fuels as over 3 million barrels of capacity have been now hit."

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), which operates the power grid in much of Texas, said some 5-minute power prices approached \$11,000 per MWh over the past couple of days. That compares an annual average of \$26 at the ERCOT North hub in 2020.



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Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., walks through the Senate subway at the conclusion of former President Donald Trump's second impeachment trial on Feb. 13 in Washington, D.C. The Senate voted 57-43 to acquit Trump.

NC Republicans censure senator for Trump guilty vote

By Brian Murphy
The News & Observer

RALEIGH, N.C. — In an emergency vote Monday night, North Carolina's Republican Party voted unanimously to censure U.S. Sen. Richard Burr, just two days after the retiring Republican cast a "guilty" vote in former President Donald Trump's second impeachment trial.

Burr, 65, is in his third term in the U.S. Senate and served five terms in the U.S. House after being first elected in 1994.

He was one of seven Republican senators to vote guilty in Trump's impeachment for inciting an insurrection related to the deadly Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol by Trump supporters. The 57-43 vote did not meet the 67-vote threshold for conviction in the Senate.

The vote was by the party's central committee, which consists of about 30 of the party's top officials.

"We felt it was important for the party to make a statement that we disagree with the vote," said North Carolina GOP Chairman Michael Whatley, who said he spoke with more than 100 party leaders and activists in the state since the impeachment vote. "The overwhelming sentiment was dis-

approval of the senator's vote."

Whatley said it was the first censure since he became party chairman about 18 months ago.

After Monday night's vote, Burr called it a "truly sad day" for state Republicans.

"My party's leadership has chosen loyalty to one man over the core principles of the Republican Party and the founders of our great nation," he said in a statement.

The Jan. 6 breach at the Capitol came as members of Congress and then-Vice President Mike Pence were certifying President Joe Biden's Electoral College victory.

Burr was critical of Trump on that night and voted to certify the election results in Arizona and Pennsylvania.

He also twice voted that the impeachment trial was not constitutional, given Trump's status as a former president by the time the trial began in the Senate.

But Burr said once the Senate voted to proceed he had to weigh the evidence presented. Whatley and other Republicans have taken issue with Burr voting guilty after deeming it unconstitutional.

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While rest of US freezes, Florida beaches overflow

By Jimena Tavel
Miami Herald

MIAMI — As a massive, historic winter storm swept across the U.S. on Monday, unloading dangerous snowfall, freezing rain and piercing wind chills, South Florida's scorching beaches served as a hot destination for hundreds of tourists and the usual crowd of locals who enjoyed the long holiday weekend by the water, despite the coronavirus pandemic.

Wearing little to no masks and barely keeping the recommended 6-foot distancing, visitors lugging suitcases and bags that displayed hotel cards paraded around South Beach throughout the day, waiting for Uber or Lyft rides, and packing the restaurants near Ocean Drive and the stores on Lincoln Road.

One tourist, Tony Johnson, 35, said he woke up Friday to 25-degree weather in Baltimore, and he and a few of his friends decided to snag round-trip airplane tickets for \$140 from Southwest Airlines. They



Matias J. Oner / Miami Herald / TNS

Beachgoers visit Miami Beach, Florida, on Monday, Feb. 15.

escaped from the snow that same day.

"It was a spur-of-the-moment decision," said the nursing professional, who wore pants and a T-shirt as he sat on a concrete step away from the water. "We rushed out. So much so that I forgot to pack a swimsuit. That's why I'm not at the beach right now."

As Johnson soaked up the sun, an unprecedented winter storm gripped most of the country. It set record-breaking low temperatures in several areas, caused major

traffic accidents on icy roads and left millions of Americans without power.

But not in South Florida, where people remained mainly concerned about finding a good sport on the sand, or eating their popsicles and chugging their frozen drinks before these melted under the hot sun. Johnson said he and his friends are planning to stay in Miami until Wednesday while friends and family members back home freeze.

"They mad," he said

with a chuckle. "They jealous."

Not all travel was impromptu, though.

Mara Sadloski, 40, said she also scheduled her trip to Miami well in advance, precisely because she wanted to take a break from the snowy conditions in Hartford, Connecticut. It turned out even better than expected.

As she looked at the outdoor seating in the restaurants across the street, the health care worker said she was shocked to see the tables so close together and so few facial coverings.

"People always wear the masks up North," she said. "Even outside. I think they help keep us warm there."

Ramiro Delvalle, who has lived by the beach since he was about 2 years old, said the holiday crowds were smaller than he expected.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

State of North Dakota 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement
PROPOSED HOME PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2021 PROGRAM YEAR
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The North Dakota HOME Program has two primary activities,

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reject any and all bids and waive all rights to bid.
Work shall commence on this project within 10 calendar days of being issued a "Notice to Proceed" by the County. Work, when started, shall proceed in a continuous operation from start to finish. All work on this project shall be completed on or before September 1, 2021.
All bids shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid, payable to Stutsman County as liquidated damages in accordance with Section NDCC 11-11-28. In addition, all bids shall be accompanied by a copy of the contractor's license, in effect at least

VCHS Students Selected for ND All-State Ensembles



Jerrica Eldridge

Special to Times-Record
Valley City High School will be represented in the 2020-2021 North Dakota All-State band and choir with the selection of 8 students to the ensembles. Due to Covid restrictions not all of the VCHS students will be able to perform with the ND Honor ensembles but they have been selected and have all of the accolades that accompany the performing artists.



Morgan Jenner

Owen Plagens (trombone) is the VCHS student who has been selected to the ND All-State Band.
Morgan Jenner, Britta Roehrich, Abby Redfearn, Jerrica Eldridge, Daniel Wintch, and Jonathon Redfearn (4 year member) are the VCHS students selected to the ND All-State Mixed Choir.

Taylen Mendoza is the VCHS student selected to the ND All-State Treble Choir.



Tucker Johnson

The music students from VCHS, as well as high school auditionees from across the state of North Dakota, auditioned via recording before the ND All-State judges. Auditions included scale work, etudes and performing a solo for the judges. The auditions are rigorous and only the best of the best high school students from the state of North Dakota are invited and then accepted to the All-State ensembles. VCHS students were prepared for these



Owen Plagens

auditions by T. Mark Reeves and Tom Kjelland, VCHS choir and band directors. The All-State ensembles are conducted by nationally recognized conductors invited to do so by the North Dakota Music Educators Association.

The ND All-State rehearsals and Concert Hours (guest performing groups invited to play for the All-State students) will be held on March 20 and 21 at various venues in the Bismarck/Mandan area.



Abigail Redfearn



Brita Roehrich

Locations and ticket prices are available on the ndall-state.org website.

Valley City High School is proud of its



Jonathon Redfearn



Daniel Wintch

students selected and know that VCHS will be well represented by our young people at the North Dakota All-State music festival!

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Maple Valley Public School District #4

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The Maple Valley Public School is seeking bids to do a complete remodel of our FACS classroom. We are looking for bids to demo and complete a 4 station Foods Lab that meets all ADA requirements. If interested, please contact Pat Windish, Superintendent, to arrange a time to look at the project. Contact number is 701-749-2570. The Maple Valley Public School reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Deadline for bids will be noon, March 3, 2021 at which time bids will be opened in the business office.

(Feb 17, 19, 24, 26, 2021)

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The North Dakota HOME Program has two primary activities, homeowner assistance and rental production/assistance. The PDS is a description of how the state plans to distribute FY 2021 HOME funds and administer the program. The public input meeting is for interested parties to provide either written or oral comments regarding the proposed PDS. Persons who do not attend the hearing may submit written comments by 5:00 p.m., CT, on March 10, 2021. The plan can be viewed on DCS's website www.communityservices.nd.gov or NDHFA's website, www.ndhfa.org, beginning on February 22, 2021. Should any one require auxiliary aids or services, or need additional information, please contact NDHFA prior to the hearing.

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Equal Housing Opportunity
(Feb 17, 2021)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BARNES COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Constantine P. LaRocca, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within three months after the date of this publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to James Randall McEwen, personal representative of the estate, c/o Keith J. Tracer, Attorney at Law, PO Box 9373, Fargo, ND 58106-9373, or filed with the Court. Dated this 16th day of January, 2021. James Randall McEwen, Personal Representative

(Feb 3, 10, 17, 2021)

Barnes County - Planning and Zoning

Minutes - December 10, 2020

Members Present: Mike Schwehr, Jeff Bupp, John Behn, Shawn Olauson, Mike Bishop, Vernon Rooda (over phone), Scott Legge, Jeff Erickson, Bill Carlsson, Shawn Olauson (over phone). Also Present: Jessica Jervich, Trevor Jacobson, Dan Anderson. Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Schwehr. Motion by Bishop, 2nd by Carlsson to approve November 12, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for Trevor Jacobson for Structure Setback Variance from the center of state highway 26. Mr. Jacobson was present to answer questions from the board regarding this grant time being too close to the

VCSU Blood Drive Brings in 58 Volunteers

Special to Times-Record

Valley City, ND - Valley City State University hosted a blood drive with Vitalant on February 4 at Valley City State University which helped collect a total of 63 units of blood products for patients in need.

A total of 58 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 47 individuals were able to donate at the Vitalant blood drive on February 4. A total of six donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC) which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor. There were 12 people who volunteered for the first time.

Vitalant expressed

their gratitude to Becky Pfennig, who coordinated the drive, and Student Nurse Organization which sponsored the blood drive, as well as Valley City State University, for providing a location for the drive.

Living through a pandemic can lead to many uncertainties, although one thing we are sure of, is that the need for blood never ceases. Blood is only useable for 42 days, so a constant supply is always needed, no matter the season. Winter has challenges with the threat of weather/travel and planning, but the winter weather is no wonderland for hospital patients who depend on blood to keep them healthy and alive.

Vitalant is currently testing all successful blood, platelet and plasma donations for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. We are providing an initial test, to help identify donors who could help COVID-19 patients by becoming future convalescent plasma donors. Because antibodies are part of the body's immune response and not the virus itself, antibody testing cannot be used to diagnose current coronavirus infection. Please postpone your donation if you are feeling unwell or suspect you may have COVID-19. Individuals must be symptom free for at least 28 days to be eligible to give blood.

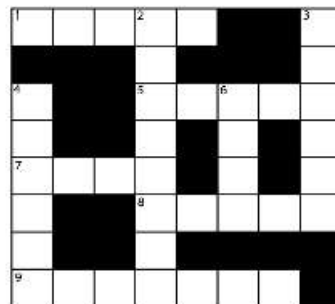
Learn more about eligibility for convalescent plasma donation by visiting vitalant.org/covid-free

Donors can make a convenient appointment to give blood at www.bloodhero.com or by calling 877-25-VITAL. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test. The next blood drive at this location is planned to be held on: Tuesday, April 27th, 2021.

Blood donation takes about an hour from check-in to refreshments. Donors can save about 20 minutes by completing their Health History Questionnaire the day they donate on www.vitalant.org/health



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Related to the moon
5. Muddy color
7. Slight hollow

DOWN

2. Desire to achieve
3. Happening each year

THIS DAY IN...



- 1637: FERDINAND II BECAME KING OF SPAIN
- 1698: THE USS MARY BECAME THE FIRST SHIP TO BE BUILT IN AMERICA
- 1965: THE MAPLE LEAF BECAME THE NEW NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA

HOME 2021 Program Distribution Statement Public input meeting notes

Meeting Held 03/10/2021 1pm via toll free conference call.

A total of six attendees in addition to 2 staff. Attendee list as follows:

Emily Contreas- Grand Forks Housing Authority and Grand Forks Community Land Trust

Kylie Erickson- Money Follows the Person

Lisa Rotvold- Beyond Shelter, Inc.

Dwight Barden- Burleigh County Housing Authority

Cheryl Merck- Money Follows the Person

Jason Boal-BlueLine Development

Staff- Jennifer Henderson, NDHFA and Edward Swiontek- Department of Commerce

Comments received by attendees:

Application processing time- attendee questioned how applications will be processed and requested it to be similar to that of the LIHTC and HTF application rounds.

Exhibit A – multifamily project financial workbook/proforma- requested a similar format to that of LIHTC and HTF.

Preservation Points: Item G under multifamily scoring criteria: questioned if the transfer of a project based contract to a project could be considered preservation- yes this is considered a preservation and will be added to the plan to reflect that intent.

Walkability scoring- attendee questioned if that was required as part of mainstreet initiative. Answered that it was part of that alignment. Attendee mentioned that the scoring is not very accurate in rural communities. All agreed, but will leave as is for this year.

Additional suggestions included aligning point categories with LIHTC plan where possible including universal design, green certification and non-profit. Answer: will look into that for future program distribution statements.

Written Comments Received. Copy of Letter in Comments folder

To: Department of Commerce/North Dakota Housing Finance Agency

From: Community Action Partnership of North Dakota

Date: March 9, 2021

Re: 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement

Community Action Partnership of North Dakota respectfully submits the following comments related to the 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement.

Increase Allowed Costs Prior to Lead Abatement. CAPND suggests an increase from the current \$25,000 allowed costs before the lead abatement rules apply. With the increasing costs of construction materials, the \$25,000 maximum provides significant barriers for the Community Action Agencies who are working to improve housing for low-income North Dakotans. Increasing the amount of the allowed costs could increase our ability to recruit contractors and to spend funding more effectively.

Answer: 24 CFR 35.915 establishes the threshold requirements. This is not a North Dakota rule, nor is there an option for adjustments.

Allow for TTA Funding for Contractors. CAPND suggests the allowance of funding to be used for providing training and technical assistance to contractors, including the allowance for funds to directly pay for lead training and certification.

This will result in more opportunities for contractors and also increases the likelihood of more competitive bids as the contractor pool would be more robust. Currently, our network is met with many challenges in securing contractors with the necessary certifications for HOME projects.

Answer: HOME eligible activities do not include administration for this type of cost request. NDHFA and DOC do recognize that there is a shortage of contractors for lead based paint and would like to focus on opportunities in the next 12 months.

Increased Funding for Rehabilitation. CAPND requests an increase to the current \$150,000 allocated for single-family rehabilitation work. The Community Action Agencies continue to see a need for rehab to homes of those experiencing poverty. An increase in the amount of funding would allow us to serve more people across North Dakota.

Answer: CAP agencies that spend their funds can apply for any uncommitted SF rehabilitation dollars.

HOME Funds TBRA use for Security Deposits. CAPND has submitted comments the past two years requesting that the HOME TBRA Funds be allowed again for security deposits. We respectfully submit the suggestion again because the TBRA funds have allowed us to assist people experiencing homelessness. Reducing homelessness in North Dakota has been

identified as a state priority and more funding available for deposits allows us to continue to reach the goal of homelessness reduction.

Answer: With increases in COVID-19 related recovery dollars and ESG funding it does not make sense to use HOME for TBRA at this time. In addition, the state is going to focus on narrowing the scope of the HOME program until all the current policies and procedures are reviewed, appropriate subrecipient training occurs, and the program is running effectively again.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these comments respective to the 2021 HOME Program Distribution Statement.

In Partnership,

Andrea Olson, MS, CCAP, NCRT/NCRI
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