



Target area extended for Pine River Small Cities Development program

The Cass County EDC reported the commercial target area for the Pine River Small Cities Development program was extended.

Businesses in Pine River have access to three commercial rehabilitation grants. The EDC reports the funds are limited and restricted to the target area - which has been extended to all businesses that are one block east and west of Highway 371 in Pine River.

"Businesses one block on either side of Barclay Avenue from 371 to the river are still eligible to apply," the EDC reported, adding it was looking for "building owners who would like to complete essential health and safety upgrades to their commercial property. ... Additional grant money is available from Happy Dancing Turtle for qualifying energy upgrades and Minnesota Power is offering free energy audits."

Qualifying projects include:

- Roof and foundation repair and floor and ceiling improvements.
- Energy efficiency upgrades such as new windows, doors and furnaces.

The "grant pays for up to 50 percent of rehab costs with a \$25,000 maximum," the EDC reported.

For more information, call the EDC at (218) 947-7522.

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