



Small Cities Development meetings in Hackensack, Walker

Community meetings are planned for homeowners and businesses interested in applying for rehab funds under the Hackensack and Walker Small Cities Development Program (SCDP).

Meetings will be held on at 5 p.m. on July 1 in Walker at the fire hall and 6:30 p.m. at the city hall in Hackensack. The Cass County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Bi-County Community Action Program representatives will be in attendance to answer questions and distribute applications.

Meeting attendees will learn about program requirements and the process for applying for funds. The application process will be on a first come, first serve basis.

The cities recently received a \$592,250 SCDP grant from the Department of Employment and Economic Development to rehabilitate eight owner-occupied houses, three rental housing units and 13 commercial buildings in the cities of Hackensack and Walker.

"We are excited to work with the cities of Walker and Hackensack on this project. I hope it contributes to the local economy by rehabbing essential downtown retail buildings and offering local contractor opportunities" states Gail Levenson, Executive Director of the Cass County EDC. The mission of the EDC is "to improve the business environment in Cass County by encouraging a strong, diverse, and sustainable economy and to build better relationships between business, government agencies and communities."

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