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Cass County EDC Small Cities Rehabilitation Grant ends soon

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Have you noticed your town's main street getting spruced up? Does your neighbor have a new roof? Don't miss the opportunity to improve a home or business.

The Cass County Economic Development Corporation is looking for individuals and businesses in Hackensack and Walker who are seeking to rehabilitate their property. Funding is available through a joint Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) grant.

Applications should be started before July 1. Funds are available to rehabilitate four owner-occupied homes and six commercial buildings in the targeted area of the cities of Hackensack and Walker. Common upgrades include roof replacement, windows and doors, insulation, foundation work and handicapped accessible entrances.

All rehab completed must be for health and safety issues, handicapped accessibility or increased energy efficiency.

Owner-occupied housing requests are based on income eligibility of the applicant. A maximum of \$20,000 is available for each home. Homeowners are required to provide 20 percent of the total cost of rehabilitation using their own funds or other grant options; 80 percent of the funds are paid for by SCDP.

Commercial rehab projects have a \$25,000 maximum with 50 percent of the project costs paid by the owner and a 50 percent match by the SCDP.

Applications are available through BI-County Community Action Programs, Inc. (Bi-CAP) in Bemidji. Call Danette at (800) 332-7161 for more information, call the Cass County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) at (218) 947-7522 or visit the website at www.co.cass.mn.us/edc

The Cass County Economic Development Corporation is administering the Small Cities Development Program grant. The mission of the organization is "To improve the business environment of Cass County by encouraging a strong, diverse and sustainable economy and to build better relationships between business, government agencies and local communities."

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