

Still time to apply for disaster relief

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Area residents are reminded that if they have had damage to their homes from the storms during June, they may be eligible for some disaster relief assistance from the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund, granted by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

Deadline to apply for assistance is Aug. 31.

The maximum amount of funding per household is \$7,500, which is in the form of a grant.

To be eligible homeowners must have annual gross incomes no greater than \$62,600, no matter what household size. Items generally covered by disaster relief funds are hot water heaters, furnaces, dry wall repair, septic tanks, and decontamination of wells. No mobile homes or personal property items are eligible to the program.

Any costs experienced by the homeowner and paid out prior to approval to the program are not eligible for reimbursement. Homeowners insurance must have been in place at the time of loss. Insurance deductibles are eligible for reimbursement if the work is completed after receiving approval to the program.

Application packets may be picked up at the Gothenburg City Administration Office, the Cozad City Administration Office, and at the Dawson County Courthouse in the County Clerk's office.

Questions or inquiries can be directed to West Central Nebraska Development District WCNDD at 308-284-6077. WCNDD is administering the program on behalf of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

The application process will close Aug. 31 and applicants will be notified in writing if they are accepted to the program following that date. Completed applications should be sent to WCNDD, PO Box 599, Ogallala, NE 69153.

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