Gothenburg residents interested in sprucing up their homes may qualify for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation money.

Local city council members passed a resolution on April 2 authorizing the West Central Nebraska Development District to help with applications.

Homes that qualify for funds, based on homeowner income, must be brought up to a set of quality standards which can include roofs, windows, foundations, siding, HVAC, handicap accessibility and the removal of lead-based paint, according to CJ Poltack, WCNDD community economic development specialist.

In 2008, she said WCNDD assisted 10 property owners at a maximum of $20,000 per home to repair their homes.

Poltack said there's no cost to the city to participate in the program.

In Gothenburg, she said WCNDD proposes to complete five homes with a maximum of $25,000 per home.

Lead testing would cost $7,500, housing management would be $12,500 and general administration $10,000 for a total of $155,000.

Council president Jeff Kennedy suggested that more homes be rehabilitated.

Poltack said they could consider more homes once they knew how many people were interested.

Anyone interested in applying for the program is asked to complete a document at city hall.

Poltack said the information will determine the amount of funding for which the city will apply.

Completing the document doesn't guarantee funding from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development nor to the homeowner.

The deadline for completion of the document is May 1.