

**NORTON CITY/COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Norton County Housing Rehab Program**

**Application for Build on Cleared Lot Incentive**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** This incentive is only available for owner-occupant of new single family residential construction that is built upon a previously cleared lot that has access to existing City and utility infrastructure, including water, sewer, electrical and gas service, street, curb and gutter. Qualifying home must be within City Limits of Almena, Lenora or Norton (“City”) and property valuation must exceed \$120,000. Qualifying applicants will receive the following:

1. \$2,500 One-time Grant from NC/CED after construction and upon occupancy.
2. City waiver of water and electric hookup costs. (approximately \$700 value)
3. Midwest Energy waiver of natural gas hookup costs. (approximately \$350 value)
4. City will furnish 1-month free water + sewer + electric service. (approximately \$300 value)
5. \$1,850 utility grant from NC/CED towards first 6 months utility services.
6. Property Tax Rebate from NC/CED of 1.5 x Year-One property tax. (approximately \$6,000 value)

**ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:**

**PROJECTED MARKET VALUE OF PROPERTY AS COMPLETED:**

**PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR INTENTIONS TO BE OWNER OCCUPANT WITH THIS PROPERTY UPON COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION:**

**WILL HOME CONSTRUCTION BE:**            **Modular?    Or    Built-in-Place?**  
**Square Feet:**  
**No of Bedrooms:**

1. **Applicant Name:**

Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-Mail:

2. **Applicant Background**

Are you a Licensed Contractor?            Yes            No

If not, please submit a signed contract with the Licensed Contractor that you will work with on this project and provide the following information about the contractor:

Name:

Contact Person:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

E-Mail:

**3. Address of the Subject Property:**

Do you own the Property?

If you do not own the Property, who does?

Have you completed a search for mortgages or liens on the Property?

Are you aware of any mortgages or liens affecting the Property?

If you are aware of any mortgage or liens affecting the Property, identify the mortgagee and/or lienholder(s):

Have you, or do you plan to apply for and keep in force all permits required by any federal, state, county or local government agency or authority for the work to be performed at the Property?

**Summarize the project**, including, as applicable, costs to acquire the Property and construction budget, and completion timeline. The budget provided should include general line items for all expenses including permits, construction costs, landscaping, concrete work, electrical, plumbing and mechanical (HVAC), flooring, roof, painting, labor, etc. **All bids must be in writing.** A brief description of work performed under each line item of the budget should be included. If any special mitigation or teardown is anticipated, please identify the same and the area on the Property requiring mitigation. Please **include photographs of the Property**. Please also attach drawings of home location on lot, home floor plan and elevation drawings and/or other graphical representations.

THIS IS AN APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF YOUR PROJECT AS ONE THAT IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE HRP. ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION IS NOT A PROMISE OF APPROVAL OR ELIGIBILITY.

Your application will be considered by the Norton County Housing Rehab Committee (“Committee”) appointed solely at the discretion of the Norton City/County Economic Development (“NC/CED”). The Committee review will include, but not be limited to: accuracy of the budget given the proposed scope of work; realistic prospects for timely completion of the proposed project and compliance with the terms, prospective value and any other factors that, at the review team’s sole discretion, may affect the decision to approve your application. You may be asked to provide additional information after initial review. The statements you have made in this application will be relied upon by NC/CED and the Committee in evaluating your application.

If your application is selected for approval, you will be advised in writing prior to initiating construction.

**Incentive Payout Details:**

1. The **\$2500 grant** will be awarded **by NC/CED** after construction and upon final inspection and building permit signoff by the appropriate City inspector.
2. **City will waive City water and electric hookup costs.** (approximately \$700 value)
3. **City** will furnish *1-month free Water + Electric service* (approximately \$300 value)
4. **Midwest Energy** will **waive natural gas hookup** (approximately \$350 value)
5. After 6 months of owner-occupancy, **NC/CED** will award **additional \$1850 utility grant** (approximately 6 months water + sewer + electrical service + natural gas service)
6. **Property Tax Rebate:** Upon payment of first full year of property tax after construction, please submit copy of tax statement to NC/CED who will rebate homeowner at 1.5 x Year One property tax. (*approximately \$6,000 value*, depending on County assessed valuation)

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**OFFICE USE ONLY:** Appr / Rej by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

I/we hereby certify that all of the information that is submitted on this application and in conjunction with it is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we understand that failure to disclose all information or the submission of incorrect information may result in denial of assistance and participation in the Norton County Housing Rehab Program. I/we understand that whether or not the application is approved is a decision that is at the sole discretion of NC/CED its representatives, officers, agents, and assigns.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Applicant's Signature (if applicable)