

Testimonials about CDBG Impacts in Nebraska

“The Community Development Block Grant is an important tool used by local and state officials as they tackle their most serious community development challenges, providing funding for public works and infrastructure, decent affordable housing, public services and economic development. Investing economic development dollars in both rural and urban Nebraska is **important to the continued vitality of Nebraska’s communities**. These grants are an important part of the economic development mindset that helps advance our state’s interests as part of the global economy.”

–Governor Dave Heineman

“CDBG funds are often the catalyst in communities that create the momentum to start and follow through on a project or business venture. As city administrator for 14 years in two small towns, I have seen CDBG funds used to leverage many times more in local funds to provide housing and business momentum in Nebraska communities. CDBG investments creates a united local effort that carries into other projects.”

–Lowell D. Johnson, City of Wayne, City Administrator and
CDBG Advisory Committee Chair

“The people of Eustis are very proud of the Wellness center and grateful of the help given to us by the CDBG program. Eustis youth will be able to look at and use these buildings for a long time and be able to **take pride in knowing that they helped in a very important community project**”

–Connie Koch, Eustis Wellness Center Project Coordinator

“Since the completion of the CDBG Street Improvement Project, **people have taken an improved approach toward community betterment** with nicer yards, new buildings and an improved public image.”

–Tim Moore, Village of Madrid Board Chairman

“I am very satisfied with the work that’s been done to my house **thanks to the CDBG Program**. I really enjoy being able to wash and see through my new windows, to heat my home to a comfortable level, and to walk through my kitchen and bedroom without worrying about tripping on old, cracking and peeling flooring.”

–Homeowner recipient of CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Assistance

“The CDBG Program was invaluable in providing **training** for the associates of the new Pharmaceutical Systems plant. The funding received was a valuable asset used to sustain the ‘Good Life’ of Nebraska.”

–Jamie Weger, plant manager of BD pharmaceutical Systems in
Columbus, Nebraska.

“The CDBG funding to rebuild a new community center meant a lot to the community after the tornado. **It allowed us to rebuild and get back to normal**. The center has given the community a central place to again gather and host events and activities.”

–Janice Owens, Oconto Village Clerk

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