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Department of Administration Announces \$9.7 Million in Homebuyer and Rehabilitation Grants

The Department of Administration (DOA) announces that it is awarding \$9.7 million in HOME Homebuyer and Rehabilitation grants across Wisconsin. These grants provide essential assistance for home purchase and rehabilitation improvements for low- and moderate-income households.

"These HOME Homebuyer and Rehabilitation grants will help families across Wisconsin with home improvement and home purchasing needs" said DOA secretary Mike Huebsch.

DOA's Division of Housing awards these funds to local governments and non-profit organizations every two years. Funding for these awards comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

These awards provide funding for three HOME-eligible activities:

- **Homebuyer assistance:** provided to eligible homebuyers for down payment and closing costs, rehabilitation, or new construction. Grantees may utilize the funds to construct housing for low- and moderate-income homebuyers whose household income is at or below 80% of county median income.
- **Owner-occupied rehabilitation:** provided for making essential improvements to single-family homes. Eligible costs include energy-related improvements, accessibility enhancements, lead-based paint hazard reduction, and repair of code violations.
- **Rental rehabilitation:** provided to repair existing rental housing in two- to four-unit owner-occupied property. The funds may be used to develop rental property up to four units. Landlords are required to lease HOME-assisted units to tenants whose income is at or below 60% of county median. The rent must be at or below the HUD published <u>Fair Market Rent</u> for the county.

Grants can be awarded to:

- the governing body of a village, city, town or county
- the governing body of a federally-recognized American Indian tribe or band in the State of Wisconsin
- a public agency or nonprofit organization
- faith-based or religious organizations, as long as the funds are not used to support inherently religious activities

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GRANTEE	COUNTY SERVED	ACTIVITIES FUNDED	TOTAL GRANT
		Homebuyer assistance	
ADVOCAP, Inc.	Fond du Lac, Green, Winnebago	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$733,641
		Owner-Occupied rehabilitation	
Antigo Housing Authority	City of Antigo	Rental Rehabilitation	\$181,765
		Homebuyer assistance	
Appleton Housing Authority	Outagamie , Langlade	Owner-occupied Rehabilitation	\$408,471
Ashland County Housing		Homebuyer assistance	
Authority	Ashland, Bayfield, Iron	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$312,153
	Marquette, Portage, Waupaca,	Homebuyer assistance	
CAP Services, Inc.	Waushara	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$634,087
Chippewa County Housing		Homebuyer assistance	
Authority	Chippewa	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$566,100
	Crawford, La Crosse (excluding City	Homebuyer assistance	
Couleecap, Inc.	of La Crosse), Monroe, Vernon	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$819,180
Indianhead Community Action	Burnett, Clark, Price, Rusk,	Homebuyer assistance	
Agency	Sawyer, Taylor, Washburn	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$499,560
	Florence, Forest, Langlade,		
	Marinette, Menominee, Oconto,	Homebuyer assistance	
NEWCAP, Inc.	Oneida, Shawano, Vilas	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$491,663
		Homebuyer assistance	
NHS of Richland County	Richland	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$615,081
	Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett,	Homebuyer assistance	
	Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk,	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	
Northwest Affordable Housing	Sawyer, Taylor, Washburn	Rental Rehabilitation	\$344,050
	Brown (excluding City of Green Bay),		
	Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac,		
	Green Lake, Kewaunee,		
	Manitowoc, Marinette,		
	Marquette, Menominee,		
	Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano,		
	Sheboygan, Waupaca,		
Options for Independent Living	Waushara, Winnebago	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$330,087
Partners for Community	Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc,	Homebuyer assistance	
Development	Sheboygan	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$595,189
Project Home, Inc.	Green	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$416,250
	Adams, Columbia, Dodge,	Homebuyer assistance	
Renewal Unlimited, Inc.	Juneau, Sauk	Owner-occupied Rehabilitation	\$533,715
Southwestern Wisconsin			
Community Action Program,	Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette,	Homebuyer assistance	
Inc.	Richland	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$496,170
Taylor County Housing			
Authority	Taylor	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$185,915
		Homebuyer assistance	
Wausau, City of	Marathon	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$448,440
West Central Wisconsin	Barron, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce,		
Community Action Agency, Inc.	Polk, St. Croix	Homebuyer	\$244,866
Western Dairyland Economic	Buffalo, Eau Claire (excluding City of		
, Opportunity Council, Inc.	Eau Claire), Jackson, Trempealeau	Owner-occupied rehabilitation	\$525,534
Winnebago County Housing		Homebuyer assistance	
Authority	Winnebago	Owner-occupied Rehabilitation	\$310,800