Southeast Nebraska counties eligible for pandemic housing relief

(KLZA)-- Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha and Gage counties are among 42 Nebraska counites the Nebraska Department of Economic Development has determined to have been dispropprtionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development is accepting applications for a new Pandemic Relief Housing Program.

The program was created under LB1014 and funded with federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund through the American Recovery Plan Act.

The program will provide awards to eligible nonprofit organizations that develop affordable housing, including housing for refugees and other such immigrants.

Housing developed under this program shall be for households with an income at or below 185% of the most recent poverty guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Any project funded through the Pandemic Relief Housing Program must ensure that the affordability of the housing provided throughout a 20-year affordability period.

At least one-half of the funds distributed shall be awarded as grants to organizations located in counties with a population of fewer than 100,000 residents as determined by the most recent federal decennial census.

The program is designed to provide state governments with the resources needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger economy during recovery.

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