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Appleton looking to bring new Small Cities Development Program to town.

The city of Appleton, working with the Upper Minnesota Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC), is looking to apply for a grant from the Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) through the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). This grant is for funds to help property owners rehab their buildings.

Appleton has previously had SCDP grants available. The latest program that started in 2020 is about complete. To keep this opportunity in place, Appleton must apply for funds again through DEED. If the application is successful, funds could be available to property owners starting in 2025.

A major change from the previous program is that the city of Appleton will not need a target area meaning that homes in the entire city of Appleton (income eligible) could utilize the program.

The program allows eligible homeowners to apply for up to \$25,000 per home for eligible rehab projects such as gutters, windows, doors, siding, insulations, electrical, heating/furnace, energy efficiency improvements, plumbing, roofing, foundation, safety improvements, accessibility improvements, lead testing and removal, and building code violations. Commercial building owners in the downtown area could be eligible for up to \$40,000 for the similar types of rehab.

How can you help make this program possible in Appleton?

The city needs feedback from residents to show there are enough eligible property owners interested in the program. Those who fill out the "Interest Survey" will also get priority status to use the funds.

To fill out an interest survey by October 4, 2023, go to:
<https://umvrdc.org/appleton-small-cities-development-program>

You can also pick up paper surveys at city hall or the UMVRDC in Appleton.

An informational meeting on this SCDP grant opportunity will be held in the Appleton City Council Chambers on October 4 from 4:30 – 5:30. A short presentation will be held at 4:30 for commercial rehab and at 5:00 for owner occupied rehab, and staff will be available for questions.



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