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The cities of Milan, Maynard and Watson writing grant for Small Cities Development Program

The cities of Milan, Maynard and Watson, working with the Upper Minnesota Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC), are 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.

The program allows eligible homeowners to apply for up to \$25,000 per home for eligible rehab projects such as gutters, windows, doors, siding, insulation, 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.

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 if the grant is received by the City.

To fill out an interest survey by November 10, go to:
<https://umvrdc.org/milan-maynard-watson-small-cities-development-program/>

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

For questions about the application, contact Kristi Fernholz at the UMVRDC at 320-289-1981 x 106 or kristi.fernholz@umvrdc.org



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