

State Awards \$15 Million in Community Development Block Grant - Regional Housing Awards

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Division of Housing announces that it is awarding \$15 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for regional housing needs. These grants provide resources across Wisconsin to address affordable housing and community development.

“These grants will help families across Wisconsin purchase affordable housing and make needed home improvements” said DOA Secretary Mike Huebsch.

The grants help provide:

- Homebuyer assistance, such as down-payment and eligible closing costs
- Funding to make housing accessibility improvements, including wheelchair ramps and wider doorways
- 0% deferred payment loans for housing improvements to low-and-moderate-income homes
- Owners of low-and-moderate-income rental housing can receive 0% deferred or installment loans for housing improvements

Funding for these competitive biannual awards is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Grants were awarded based upon the age of housing in the area, the low-to-moderate income population, unemployment rate, and affordability (or how much of a person’s income has to be paid toward housing costs).

The Southern Housing Region was awarded \$2,422,000 and is represented by the counties of Columbia, Dodge, Jefferson, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Sauk, Walworth and Washington. MSA Professional Services, Inc. (MSA) was awarded the administration of the Southern Housing Region.

Applications will be available the week of September 30th for distribution but the applications will not be accepted until a specified “Application Day” is held. See table below for details regarding the application day nearest you.

Residents can submit a completed application for the county they reside in on the following days:

Date	County	Time	Location
10/24/13	Sauk County	9:00 – 3:00	Sauk County West Square Building Second floor – Room 213 505 Broadway, Baraboo

Only completed applications will be accepted. A completed application will include, but is not limited to, income information, asset & liability information and information regarding the condition of the home. Residents interested in applying should obtain an application prior to the application day in their county in order to gather all the necessary information before hand.

Additional information and copies of the application will be available at each municipality within the county, at the County Courthouse or by contacting MSA at 1-800-552-6330 and referencing the Southern Housing Region.