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GRANTS TO DEMOLISH VACANT COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES TO OPEN SOON

Communities interested in demolishing vacant commercial and residential structures will soon be able to apply for two grant opportunities with the State of Missouri. The Community Revitalization Grant through the Department of Economic Development is scheduled to open this month. One of the allowable activities is the demolition of vacant properties. The grant will require a 50% match. In addition, Community Development Block Grant-Demolition Category is anticipated to open in October 2022. More information on the Community Revitalization Grant and other American Rescue Plan Act grant opportunities through the State of Missouri can be found at the application portal <https://moarpa.mo.gov/available-funding-opportunities/> under the Available Funding Opportunities link. Communities interested in applying for these grant opportunities can begin to prepare for the application process by completing the following steps:

- Reach out to Kim Mildward, Economic Development Planner at the Regional Council, via e-mail at kim@nwmorcog.org or 660-582-5121, ext. 2 for assistance with your applications;
- Adopt a dangerous building policy in place;
- Adopt enforceable ordinances;
- Provide code enforcement;
- Provide law enforcement to support the code enforcement method;
- Establish a fund for demolition with demolition goals;
- Develop a rapport with the dilapidated property owners; and
- Document problems with each property.

SHERIDAN RECYCLING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 6

David Chesnut of Nodaway County Recycling has set the first collection date for August 6 from 8-10 a.m. The collections will continue from 8-10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Dates are August 6, September 3, October 1, November 4, December 3. Education will be provided on site as to which materials will be collected, the processing of materials, removing contaminated items and labels, and how to sort materials. There is no fee to drop-off. Contact Nodaway County Recycling in advance for large metals, white goods, electronics, etc. For further information, contact Sabrina Theas at 660-582-5121, ext. 4 or email sabrina@nwmorcog.org.

All metals will be accepted with the following guidelines:

- **Aluminum cans – rinsed**
- **Metal containers – emptied, labels removed, rinsed**
- **Tin food cans – rinsed and labels removed, no food or liquid**
- **Lids placed inside the can**

MoDNR AWARDS \$30,000 GRANT TO GENTRY COUNTY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT No. 1

District will evaluate drinking water system improvements

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has awarded a \$30,000 Drinking Water Engineering Report Grant to the Gentry County Public Water Supply District No. 1 to evaluate the district's drinking water system. The grant offers funding to qualified communities to help cover engineering costs for evaluating water and wastewater system improvements. The water supply district will use the grant to identify drinking water system improvements needed to continue reliable service to the area and meet drinking water standards. Through this grant, the district has an opportunity to assess its system and identify improvements for greater effectiveness and satisfy public health and safe

drinking water regulations. This will also help the community meet short-term drinking water needs and plan for future growth and development.

The department is committed to assisting Missouri communities with water and wastewater infrastructure improvement projects. Through its Financial Assistance Center, the department provides funding opportunities for qualified communities with water quality, wastewater and drinking water infrastructure needs. This project will be funded wholly or in part with monies received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For more information on wastewater and drinking water funding opportunities, visit dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/financial-opportunities/financial-assistance-center.

RCOG Assisted SEVERAL COMMUNITIES with AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT of 2021 (ARPA) Funds

On May 16, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources released applications to apply for American Rescue Plan Act funds for Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater and Lead Service Line Inventory. Our office assisted the communities of Clearmont, Elmo, Graham, Grant City, Maitland and Oregon with the procurement process for engineering services to complete Engineering Reports on each project. Engineers who apply must submit their Statement of Qualifications to each community by a specified date. Please visit our website at: www.nwmorcog.org to view each Request for Qualifications.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SITES THROUGH VOLKSWAGEN TRUST

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has opened applications for electric vehicle charging infrastructure funding through the Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust.

Applications for funding will be accepted for charging sites to be located in the following cities: Branson, Cabool, Chillicothe, Collins, Farmington, Hannibal, Macon, **Maryville**, Poplar Bluff and Sedalia. Charging sites must include two direct current fast chargers with both CCS and CHAdeMO plugs, and be available to the public with minimal downtime. Full details about the funding program and site requirements are available online at dnr.mo.gov/air/what-were-doing/volkswagen-trust-funds/electric-vehicle-charging. To request more information, contact MOVWTeam@dnr.mo.gov.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16: FY23 Q1 TAC Meeting, 7 p.m., RCOG Office

August 20: P3 Broadband Competition at Mozingo Event Center, 1 Fall Drive, Maryville, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

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