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).

CDBG Regional Housing Awards		
Housing Region	**County**	**Award Amount**
Northeastern	Brown	$2,290,000
West Central	Chippewa	$2,184,000
Southern	Columbia	$2,422,000
Northwest	Douglas	$1,933,000
Southwest	La Crosse	$2,080,000
Northwoods	Langlade	$2,025,000
Central	Waupaca	$2,103,000
TOTAL		$15,037,000

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. Dodge County will receive approximately $200,000 for rehabilitation funds.

Dodge County residents only, applications will be accepted is October 25, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Dodge County Administration Building. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis and it must be a completed application to 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.

Applications are available at each municipality, online at http://www.co.dodge.wi.us, or by contacting MSA at 920-887-4242 and referencing the Southern Housing Region.