

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

TO: BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Reviewed:
FROM: Lisa Johnson	Ext: 3485
DEPARTMENT: Administration	
DATE: Monday, March 23, 2009	No:

ITEM: Department of Commerce Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Background: Kansas was awarded \$21,970,424 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funds to address home foreclosures in the state of Kansas. Franklin County, based on the number of foreclosures, is eligible to participate in the program. There is currently \$353,00.00 for Franklin County to be used to purchase, rehabilitate and then sell the homes to individuals that are at or below 120% of the median income level. The actual implementation of this program as well as the administration would be done by the SE Kansas Region Coordinator that has been hired by the Kansas Department of Commerce. The County would be responsible for processing pay applications which would be done by the Clerk's Office as done in the past on other CDBG projects.

Recommended Action:

Attachments: Letter from the Department of Commerce.

March 16, 2009

County Chairman
Franklin County Commission
315 S. Main
Ottawa, KS 66067

Dear County Chairman:

As you know the State of Kansas was awarded \$21,970,424 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds to address home foreclosure problems across the state. Based on HUD data, Franklin County was determined to be among 21 counties hardest hit by the home foreclosure crisis.

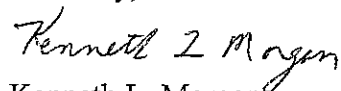
At this stage, the Department of Commerce needs to know if your county is willing to participate and assume responsibility for the NSP funds you will receive. If you are unable to take on these responsibilities, you have two options with regard to this program. First, subject to Commerce approval, you can designate the largest city in your county to administer the program. The largest cities in the State have existing expertise and staff necessary to operate and administer the program.

The other option is for the county to opt out of administering the program. In this event, Commerce will either designate the largest city in the county, subject to qualification, or reallocate the funds as appropriate.

Regardless of the option exercised by your county, please provide written verification of your decision to the Department no later than March 25, 2009. We appreciate your timely response as HUD has imposed time constraints on the Department as we administer this project.

We look forward to working with you to successfully implement this program across the State.

Sincerely,


Kenneth L. Morgan
NSP Manager

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March 25, 2009

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Re: Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

Dear Ken:

Please be advised that Franklin County is interested in participating in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program for the benefit of the citizens of Franklin County. It is our understanding that more information will be forthcoming in the near future and we look forward to hearing from you. Please direct information to the attention of Lisa Johnson, Franklin County Administrator, at 1428 S. Main Suite 2, Ottawa, Kansas 66067 or contact her directly at (785) 229-3485. Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,

John E. Taylor
Chairperson

cc: County Clerk