



MINDEN, IOWA

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***City of Minden Secures Nearly \$1.2 Million IEDA Award  
to Support Development of Affordable Housing***

Minden, Iowa – Community partnerships continue to drive progress forward in tornado stricken Minden. The latest support comes from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) through a Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery award in the amount of \$1,172,042.

The IEDA award will support the development of three duplexes near Depot Street and Main Street, creating six new affordable housing units. The units will be developed by Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs and Neola-based Cook Construction & Remodeling.

“The support from IEDA is truly laying the foundation for new housing in Minden,” stated Mayor Kevin Zimmerman. “This funding is helping us to meet our community’s needs in a targeted and strategic manner.”

The duplexes will be constructed on land the City purchased with support from the Community Foundation for Western Iowa. The Metropolitan Area Planning Agency, which prepared the successful IEDA application, will administer the grant.

“The collaboration that allowed us to be in the position we are today has been unprecedented,” said Blake Johnson, Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs Executive Director. “We are thrilled to be part of Minden’s recovery efforts and are anxious to get started on these six units.”

Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring, with the units expected to be listed for sale in the fall. The two bedroom, two bathroom units will each be nearly 1,300 square feet.

For more information on the City’s overall tornado recovery efforts, visit <https://mindeniowa.com/recovery>.

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Nestled in southwest Iowa, the City of Minden is home to 600 people. The resilient Pottawattamie County community was incorporated in 1880. After being struck by two tornadoes in the spring of 2024, the community is moving forward with strength. The City's long-term recovery efforts are being supported by the Iowa West Foundation, United Way of the Midlands Disaster Recovery Fund, and Pottawattamie County gaming funds.