



Central  
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# SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

We hope you had a fun filled summer! It's hard to believe fall is here already! We had a very busy summer and will have much to share with you before the year is up. Look for more announcements coming soon!

This is too exciting not to share right away! Due to receiving the CARES Act funding, we have been able to hire **TWO**

new employees!! We are so excited to grow our family and share their talents with all of you.

**Collyer Cronk** and **Makala Hebbert** come to us with a plethora of knowledge and excitement to help grow our district.

There will be a more in-depth announcement soon, so keep an eye on our social media for more!

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Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

## Grant Planning and Preparedness for 2021

It's not too early to start thinking about **projects for 2020 - 2021**. If you have any ideas on potential projects, contact us today! We have resources to help in every stage.

Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF) applications will be due in the **spring of 2021** and Federal applications will be due in the **summer of 2021**.

One of the first steps is to find a need in your community. It's helpful if you can show there is a need by having **documentation**. For example, housing studies, comprehensive planning, etc.

The next step is to look at the funding readily available. The funding can be used to complete the project on your own or could be used as match funding. **Note:** Match funding must be documented at the time of the application.

**Now it's time to pick a project.** There are a few things to keep in mind when doing so.

What is the project? Will it require a larger production timeline? **Note:** If this is something that needs to happen quickly, grant funding may not be the path to take, this is more of a long-term setting.

Do you have a location in mind? Is it in a single location, is it vacant, or is there any demolition that needs

to happen first? **Note:** There is no reimbursement for funds used prior to application.

Finally, are there any other partners that need to be involved, such as an engineer or spec plan creator?

**Helpful Tips:** When picking a project, keep in mind what the desired outcome is. Who do you want to attract with the project or is it ultimately to save money in the long run? This will impact how you go about the project.

**Don't forget!!** A membership with CNEDD includes free grant writing!!