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MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Is your county or community a CNEDD dues-paying member? It's time to renew. Or join if you want to take advantage of all the benefits that come from being one! Here is a small sampling of how we can help grow your communities together –

- **Grant Writing** – Our staff is fully CDBG certified! Does your community need housing or new streets (see below)? We can help with the application!
- **Income Surveys** – New LMI percentages came out in 2024. Did your community not qualify as LMI? We have the tools and experience to help prove your needs!
- **Community Needs Survey** – Do you want to improve your community, but not sure where to start, or want to gather public input? Our survey is a great way to get the ball rolling.
- **Housing Study** – Is your community in need of housing? Most housing grants require an updated housing needs survey prior to awarding funding. Let's get together and make a plan!
- **Nuisance Abatement** – Does your community have some problem properties, abandoned, run-down homes and buildings? Blights on the town, making tourists grimace when they visit? We help incentivize, and work with, any citizens who may need that extra push to help beautify your community.

Contact us today to renew your membership or sign up: tish.tielke@cnedd.org

Ribbon Cuttings in Bartlett and Burwell

The **Village of Bartlett** held a ribbon cutting celebrating the end of their streets project. Bartlett was awarded a **\$420,279** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Department of Economic Development (DED) for the **replacement of Randolph Street**. The project replaced the old, broken concrete with new, thicker concrete. Randolph Street is the main street in Bartlett receiving high amounts of traffic, connecting Highway 281 to the only school in Wheeler County. **Impact has been deeply felt through safer streets for the schoolkids and easier access to rural family**



The **City of Burwell**, with the assistance of Central Nebraska Economic Development District, received a **\$516,520** grant from Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund to construct **two single-family homes consisting of 3-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, and 2-car garage for income-qualified individuals and families.**

The Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF) was established in 1996 by the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act to address a shortage of quality affordable housing. Housing shortages limit an individual's choice of where to live and the ability to seek and sustain employment. Our workforce is directly affected by the quality and cost of housing. For individuals, quality affordable housing is the basis for economic stability and self-sufficiency. For communities, schools, and businesses, it is a critical part of any sustainable, successful community economic development strategy.

"What we need is sunshine, fine weather, and blue air as the most dependable remedy." – Vincent Van Gogh