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## APPLICANTS STILL NEEDED FOR CDBG HOUSING GRANTS

### Money available for home repair

Atlantic, IA, April 5, 2017— Southwest Iowa Planning Council, with the city of Woodbine, seeks homeowners to apply for \$24,999 in home repairs. An additional \$7,000 may also be available for lead abatement if needed.

The \$24,999 is in the form of a five year forgivable loan. Repairs may include roof, foundation, siding, windows, etc. to bring the home up to Iowa Minimum Housing Rehabilitation Standards by addressing health, safety, and energy efficiency needs.

Eligible applicants must reside in the target area, be homeowner of record, live in the home, and income qualified. SWIPCO's friendly staff is available to walk the homeowner through the application process 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Our goal is to help the homeowners with repairs they are simply not able to do on their own," said Community Development Director Amber Carcel. "We want to help them have a home that is safe, energy efficient to possibly lower utility bills, and that gives them a sense of pride."

The funds are made possible by a Community Development Block Grant the City of Woodbine received from the Iowa Economic Development Authority in 2016. Woodbine was awarded \$368,500 for the repair of six homes.

Interested applicants should contact SWIPCO at 712-243-4196 for more information.

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