

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

At the City of Grand Island, we realize that our partners are one of our greatest assets. In many projects throughout our community, it is our partners who do the real groundwork, demonstrate our vision of working together for a better tomorrow, and deliver on many of the promises we make about continuing to improve our community.

Grand Island Habitat for Humanity's proven commitment to provide quality and affordable housing, and their perseverance in times of waxing and waning housing markets, does not go unnoticed. The City of Grand Island is honored to award Grand Island Habitat for Humanity the first ever "Community Impact Award." Through this award we celebrate Habitat's years of collaboration with the City of Grand Island's CDBG program, and we look forward with great expectancy for many more years to come.



## FAIR DEAL VILLAGE MARKETPLACE

Omaha Economic Development Corporation is being recognized for the Fair Deal Village Marketplace project (FDVMP), which opened in December, 2016. This wonderful development is located in the historic North 24th and Lake Street. It is a well-designed, well connected, and socially inclusive project serving as a catalyst to further growth and improvement in the area.

This unique, one of a kind marketplace provides valuable amenities in a community that was once cited by the USDA as the largest urban food desert in Nebraska. The opening of the FDVMP Grocery Market addresses that need while providing additional benefits to the community. The Fair Deal Café, a strong community anchor, and the Micro Retail Space houses eight retail vendors in repurposed affordable containers. Funding for this project was made possible from \$194,000 in Tax Increment Financing assistance, \$1,686,000 in private resources, and \$820,000 in public grants of which almost \$84,000 were CDBG dollars.



## NEIGHBORHOODS, USA

Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) provides educational and networking opportunities for diverse people and organizations, to share their ideas, values and experiences to build stronger communities through collaboration and communication with both the public and private sector. This national non-profit organization was created in 1975 and has lead 42 annual neighborhood conferences throughout the country.

NUSA's next conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska from May 24 - 27. The Neighborhood Pride Tours, numerous workshops, and national award ceremony are just a glimpse of this informative conference which brings hundreds of people from all locations, sectors and levels of society to discuss pressing issues of the times, share experiences and offer assistance, motivation and encouragement. The strength of Omaha's neighborhood organizations grows as citizens work together to organize this special conference. By hosting the conference, it is estimated that Omaha will enjoy an economic impact of potentially \$1 million or more.



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

**APRIL 17 - 22, 2017**

**AWARD CEREMONY**

**Nebraska State Capitol**

**April 17, 2017**

**11 - 11:30 a.m.**

**NEBRASKA**

Good Life. Great Opportunity.

DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# AGENDA

**Monday, April 17th, 11 a.m.**  
**Governor's Hearing Room**

**Welcome and Proclamation Signing**  
**Governor Pete Ricketts**

**Nebraska Department of Economic Development**  
**Courtney Dentlinger, Director**  
 • City of Hastings

**City of Bellevue**  
**Mayor Rita Sanders, City of Bellevue**  
 • Sarpy County Museum

**City of Grand Island**  
**Mayor Jeremy Jensen, City of Grand Island**  
 • Habitat for Humanity

**City of Lincoln**  
**David Landis, Director, Urban Development Dept.**  
 • Hartley Flats

**City of Omaha**  
**Norita Matt, City Planner**  
 • Fair Deal Village Marketplace  
 • National Neighborhoods, USA

**Closing**  
**Governor Pete Ricketts**

# CITY OF HASTINGS

The Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Governor of the State of Nebraska, recognizes the City of Hastings with the Governor's Showcase Community Award. Over the past five years through a comprehensive approach, and the use of CDBG funding, Hastings has demonstrated the ability to identify community development goals; combine local, state, and federal resources to achieve those goals; and successfully execute projects having a positive impact on the community.

Through strong collaborations, community organizations, leaders, businesses, and residents are reviving the downtown with building renovations, façade improvements, housing rehabilitation, and loans to local businesses to open or expand. A premier arts and cultural center, The Lark, renovated their historic building, providing an event space for concerts, classes, and film screenings. Funding was also provided for the mixed-use redevelopments of Uptown Experience, luxury-style furnished apartments made available for short- or long-term occupancy and for Block 27 Lofts, apartments for young professionals. The ground-level retail space houses The Odyssey restaurant and microbrewery Steeple Brewing.

In addition, the ongoing Pioneer Spirit Trail provides an intermodal pedestrian transportation network between major recreational centers such as, Lake Hastings, Hastings College, and the Downtown Business District to provide much needed pedestrian, bike, and exercise routes.



# HARTLEY FLATS

Hartley Flats, at 27th and S Street, is a new 13-unit multi-family housing development in an area with diverse uses, cultures and income levels. It is a \$2 million private investment in three of Lincoln's core neighborhoods – Hartley, Clinton and Malone. For decades, these neighborhoods have struggled to stay ahead of disinvestment caused partly by aging housing. As part of that struggle, the area has benefited substantially from CDBG funded public investment in housing rehab and first-time homebuyer assistance, as well as streetscape, park and sidewalk improvements.

But public investment can only do so much. It takes community commitment and private investment to make fundamental, enduring changes. Kris and Julie Sonderup, developers of Hartley Flats, represent exactly that kind of commitment and investment. As area business owners, they'd already invested in commercial properties along North 27th Street. As active members of the North 27th Street Business and Civic Association, they have committed to promoting positive growth for all residents and businesses in the area.

With Hartley Flats, Kris and Julie decided to expand their investment to include residential opportunities. The city-owned parcel at 27th and S Street had been vacant for several years. The parcel had been assembled through voluntary land sales as part of North 27th redevelopment activities in the early 2000s. Proposals had been requested, but without response until Kris and Julie looked at the parcel. They saw housing in a vibrant, diverse neighborhood with quick access to practically anywhere in the city – a place with potential where young professionals would feel both at home and connected.



# SARPY COUNTY MUSEUM

This year, the City of Bellevue would like to recognize the Sarpy County Museum and their project which included providing safe access to the newly acquired Union Pacific Caboose.

In 2014, the Sarpy County Museum was presented with the opportunity to acquire a Union Pacific Caboose, the oldest in Nebraska and built in 1869. To make a welcoming and viable educational resource for the community, Sarpy County began a community effort to raise funds to assist with the relocation and restoration of the caboose.

The City of Bellevue CDBG program was excited to partner with the Sarpy County Museum to assist with meeting their goal to preserve and educate the public about the proud history of all members of the community. A CDBG grant of \$31,500 was awarded to the museum to assist with the addition of a safe and ADA accessible pathway and ramp to allow all who visit the museum, including those with limited mobility, access to the caboose exhibit. In addition to the CDBG funds, the museum provided \$3,145 in leverage funds to complete the project.

By offering an opportunity for Bellevue residents access to history at no cost, residents and families are able to learn and cultivate an appreciation of history while fostering a sense of community and adventure.

