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## Wright County Economic Development and MIDAS Partner to Launch 2026 Home Roofing Program

**WRIGHT COUNTY, IA** – Wright County Economic Development (WCED) and MIDAS Council of Governments are pleased to announce a new opportunity to assist local homeowners with critical roof repairs. The Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) has officially opened the first round of the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Roofing Replacement Program, with applications due **May 22, 2026**.

This program provides up to **\$24,000 per household** to replace failing roofs, including shingles, roof decking, gutters, and downspouts. This assistance is provided as a **five-year receding forgivable loan** with zero local matching funds required from the city, county, or the homeowner.

"Our mission is to ensure that Wright County's housing stock remains safe and sustainable," said Aaron Budweg, WCED Director. "By partnering with Steven Stransky and the expert team at MIDAS, we are providing our cities and rural residents with the technical and administrative support needed to bring these state funds directly to our neighborhoods."

### Income Eligibility Guidelines (80% Area Median Income)

To qualify for the 2026 CDBG Roofing Replacement Program, a household's total gross income must be at or below the following limits based on household size:

Household Size	Maximum Annual Gross Income
1 Person	\$51,550
2 People	\$58,900

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Household Size	Maximum Annual Gross Income
3 People	\$66,250
4 People	\$73,600
5 People	\$79,500
6 People	\$85,400

**Key Eligibility & Program Details:**

- **What Counts as Income:** Includes total gross income (before taxes) for all adults in the home, including wages, Social Security, pensions, and interest.
- **Homeownership:** The home must be the owner's primary residence, must be insured, and must be located outside the 100-year floodplain.
- **Forgivable Loan:** The assistance is structured as a five-year receding forgivable mortgage. The debt is completely cleared if the owner remains in the home for five years after the project is finished. If the home is sold before then, only the prorated remaining balance must be repaid out of the sale proceeds.

**Next Steps for Residents:**

Residents in Wright County cities and rural areas are encouraged to contact their local City Hall or the contacts below immediately to be placed on the initial interest list. Communities must identify interested homeowners and hold a required public hearing before the May deadline to be eligible for funding. If the community is awarded by the State, formal applications for homeowners are anticipated to open in late summer.

**For more information or to express interest, please contact:**

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