

**ATTENTION VERNDALE AND ALDRICH RESIDENTS:  
Home Repair Funds May be Available!**

The Cities of Verndale and Ardrich are planning to apply for a grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to repair the homes of low and moderate-income residents. Twenty-six homes were repaired in Verndale through this program in 2007 – 2008.

If a grant is received, funding – up to approximately \$22,000 per unit – will be available to repair the homes of eligible residents. The grants will not need to be paid back unless the resident sells or moves out of the home within ten years.

As a part of the grant application process, the City needs to have a list of residents who are interested in participating in the program. A mailing will be sent to all Verndale and Aldrich homeowners in late July. The mailing will explain the program requirements and benefits and will include a form which should be returned as soon as possible. Those who return the forms will be put on a waiting list for assistance when funding is received. Submitting a pre-application does not obligate anyone to participate in the program – it simply indicates that you may be interested if funding becomes available.

To qualify for the home repair program, Verndale and Aldrich residents must:

- Live within the corporate limits of either Verndale or Aldrich;
- Own their home, either free from debt, through a mortgage, or a recorded contract for deed;
- Have gross annual income (including Social Security, wages, and all other sources) below the following limits:

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Annual Income</b>
1	\$32,950
2	37,700
3	42,400
4	47,100

The following types of improvements may be made under the program: repairs that make a home more safe, energy efficient, and/or accessible. Eligible activities may include the repair/replacement of:

- Defective plumbing, electrical, or heating systems
- Cracked or damaged foundations
- Roofing, windows and doors
- Damaged walls, ceilings, floors
- Deteriorating siding, porches, steps
- Ramps and bathroom accessibility improvements
- Removal of lead paint hazards

Please watch for the mailing and return your pre-application form as soon as possible if you may be interested in having your home repaired. If you do not receive a mailing, or if you have any questions please call Kathy Sletto at 320-762-8428.