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First National Bank of Omaha Now Accepting Community Development Grant Applications

Programs to Support Initiatives Related to Stable Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization and Strong Local Economies

OMAHA, Neb. January 10, 2018. – First National Bank of Omaha is issuing a request for proposals for its upcoming Community Development grant cycle, focused on programs related to stable housing, neighborhood revitalization and strong local economies, announced Alec Gorynski, Vice President, Community Development and Corporate Philanthropy.

Programs must be implemented for the benefit of low- or moderate income individuals, families and/or communities within the First National Bank footprint, and must align with one of the following three goal areas:

1. **Stable Housing:** Increasing access to safe, affordable and quality housing through construction, site development, housing rehabilitation, homeownership education and foreclosure prevention programs and services.
2. **Neighborhood Revitalization:** Stimulating revitalization that attracts or retains individuals and/or businesses to blighted, underserved and distressed communities.
3. **Strong Local Economies:** Growing local economies through small business and entrepreneurial development and job creation by supporting training, technical assistance, education and microfinance.

“At First National Bank we believe a community is successful when all of its citizens have access to stable and affordable housing in a safe and vibrant neighborhood,” said Gorynski. “Likewise, a successful community contains local businesses of all sizes and types that produce a variety of goods and services and employ the local workforce. That’s why we are committed to investing in community organizations who are working to bring neighborhoods back to life, increase access to affordable housing, provide homeownership education and foreclosure prevention services as well as those who are working to provide training, technical assistance, education and microfinance.”

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First National Bank will operate two grant cycles in 2018, dedicated to specific focus areas. The first 2018 grant cycle opens on January 10 and First National Bank will accept applications from eligible nonprofit community organizations for stable housing, neighborhood revitalization and strong local economies until February 12. For more information and to apply, visit: www.firstnational.com/community and click on Request Support.

The second 2018 grant cycle will open on June 4 for educated workforce programs, which are dedicated to strengthening individual core competencies that will improve personal economic self-sufficiency, including adult basic education and vocational and employability training.

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