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First National Bank of Omaha Now Accepting Community Development Grant Applications

Programs to Support Initiatives Related to Stable Housing, Strong Local Economies and Vibrant Neighborhoods

OMAHA, Neb. January 23, 2017. – First National Bank of Omaha, which also operates as First National Bank Fremont and First National Bank North Platte, is issuing a request for proposals for its upcoming Community Development grant cycle, focused on programs related to stable housing, strong local economies and vibrant neighborhoods, announced Alec Gorynski, Vice President, Corporate Philanthropy and Social Responsibility.

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. **Strong Local Economies:** Growing local economies through small business and entrepreneurial development and job creation by supporting training, technical assistance, education and microfinance.
3. **Vibrant Neighborhoods:** Stimulating revitalization that attracts or retains individuals and/or businesses to blighted, underserved and distressed communities.

“First National Bank has always believed in giving back to the communities in which we operate to ensure they are successful and continue to thrive,” added Gorynski. “In 2016, we reinvested more than \$30 million into the communities we serve across our seven-state region. We are committed to continuing our investments again in 2017, and reaching our goals of successful and stable communities.”

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First National Bank will operate two grant cycles in 2017, dedicated to specific focus areas. The first 2017 grant cycle opens on January 23 and First National Bank will accept applications from eligible nonprofit community organizations for stable housing, vibrant neighborhoods and strong local economies until February 27. For more information and to apply, visit: www.firstnational.com/community and click on Request Support.

The second grant cycle will open on June 5 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.

First National Bank of Omaha is a subsidiary of First National of Nebraska. First National of Nebraska is the largest privately owned banking company in the United States. First National of Nebraska and its affiliates have more than \$21 billion in assets and 5,000 employee associates. Primary banking offices are located in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Texas.

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