



Press Release

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The City of Bentonville recently received Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The purpose of the CDBG-R funds as set forth by the Department of Housing and Urban Development is to preserve and create jobs to promote economic recovery; assist those most impacted by the recession; provide investment needed to increase economic efficiency; invest in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; minimize or avoid reductions in essential services and foster energy independence. Using these funds, the City is offering a new service to Bentonville residents called the Housing Rehabilitation and Energy Assistance Program (HREA program). The purpose of the HREA program is to provide housing related improvements such as moderate rehabilitation and emergency repairs to low to moderate income families and individuals to improve and preserve their single family home and to promote housing that is safe, secure, healthy, and energy efficient. To qualify, the potential applicant must be a Bentonville resident; live in a single family home; own the home, be current on the mortgage and the property taxes, and meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development's low to moderate income limits. To obtain an application or for more information, please call Danielle Shasteen at (479) 271-6826 or e-mail at dshasteen@bentonvillear.com. Applications may be downloaded on the City website at www.bentonvillear.com.