



HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY**

April 24, 2023

City of Forada  
10991 Toby's Avenue SE  
Alexandria, MN 56308

RE: Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant

Douglas County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is applying for funding through the above program to conduct housing preservation activities in Douglas and Pope Counties. The housing Preservation Program is designed to assist very low-income families with household repairs. Each household may qualify for up to \$15,000.00 (actual funding available dependent on funds available at time of household application) in Rural Development Housing Preservation Funds to conduct housing preservation activities.

The program is designed to preserve existing housing, cut utility costs for very low-income households, and alleviate overcrowding. Housing Preservation Program activities include installation and/or repair of sanitary water and waste disposal systems, energy conservation to include insulation, windows and doors, repair or replacement of heating systems, electrical wiring and repair of structural support and foundations. The program will also provide limited funding to alleviate overcrowding. Households that participate in the program must bring their home up to local or state building codes, whichever is more stringent.

As part of the pre-application process, Rural Development requires notifying communities within the program service area to assure that the proposed program is beneficial and does not duplicate current activities. Therefore, consider this letter notification of application. The funding notification date has not been announced, however, it is expected to be late summer or early fall 2023. Communities will be notified when funding is announced, and brochures will become available for your community.

Douglas County Housing and Redevelopment Authority has provided various housing preservation programs in the past. This program will provide another funding source to preserve existing housing. We look forward to working with you and your community on this potential project.

Feel free to contact our office with any questions, 320-762-3848.

Sincerely,

Janelle Bennett

Rehabilitation Coordinator, Douglas County HRA

