PRESS RELEASE: TCEDA opens Proposals to build three spec houses

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The Thayer County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA) Board of Directors are excited to announce that we have opened the Request for Proposals to build spec houses on three lots in Thayer County. The two grant funded houses will be located in Deshler and Bruning while the third non-grant funded house will be built in Davenport. The proposal for the fourth build on our other lot in Deshler will open at a later time.

The grant houses are funded by TCEDA's Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund grant and the nongrant house will be funded by an investment from the Thayer County Commissioners. These partnerships are pivotal as we continue to create housing solutions across Thayer County and as these projects are completed and sold, the funds will continue to revolve into the endless possibilities of housing projects and as matches for more state or federal housing grants.

Proposals are due on or before July 31st, 2023 at 4:00 pm. All questions regarding this Request for Proposals should be directed to: Jim Warrelmann, Director of Housing Southeast Nebraska Development District, 7407 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510; <u>jwarrelmann@sendd.org</u>. All proposal documents can be found on TCEDA's website at <u>https://www.tceda.org/life/housing</u>.

The two grant homes will be sold to income qualified buyers with the option of an affordability stipend. The non-grant house will not have income qualifications but could have an option for down payment assistance for the buyer. If interested in purchasing one of the homes, please direct questions to Jim Warrelmann at SENDD (contact information mentioned above.)

We look forward to these projects and helping our communities grow. Our mission has been to continue to work together to create housing solutions across the county and this is definitely one giant leap to that goal. For more information regarding Thayer County's housing needs, you can review our 2021 Housing Study on our website at https://www.tceda.org/life/housing.