Press Release: Pawnee City Awarded $640,000 from Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund for New Housing Project

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Pawnee City, NE – The Pawnee City Community Foundation (PCCF) has been successfully awarded a $640,000 grant from the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This funding will play a critical role in helping Pawnee City move forward with the construction of new houses for sale, a project aimed at addressing the local housing needs and supporting economic development in the community.

Brian Rottinghaus, President of the Pawnee City Chamber of Commerce, expressed his excitement about the grant, stating, "This is thrilling news for Pawnee City. It will serve as a springboard for our community's effort to build 25 new houses, a significant step in supporting our local workforce and growth."

Rottinghaus also extended his gratitude to key individuals whose efforts made this grant possible, including Suzanne Borcher of PCCF, Steve Glenn, Chairman of the Pawnee City Chamber - Economic Development Council, Mike Habegger of the Pawnee City Development Corporation (PCDC), and Jim Warrelmann, who is supporting Pawnee City on behalf of the Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD).

Aaron Sawyer, the newly appointed Economic Development Director of the Pawnee City Chamber of Commerce, shared his enthusiasm for the project: "Wow! This new grant will allow us to start the construction of two new houses this fall, once all the paperwork is approved. Our goal is to have these homes completed by the spring/summer of 2025, marking an important milestone in our journey to expand housing opportunities in Pawnee City."

This grant marks a major achievement in Pawnee City's long-term housing initiative, supporting not only local residents but also attracting new families and workforce members to the area. The project reflects the collective effort of local organizations and leadership committed to enhancing the future of Pawnee City.

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About the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund:

The Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund provides financial support for affordable housing developments throughout the state. Its mission is to improve housing conditions and accessibility for Nebraska residents, particularly in underserved rural areas.

About Pawnee City Chamber of Commerce:

The Pawnee City Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting local businesses and fostering economic growth within the community. Through collaborative efforts and strategic initiatives, the Chamber plays a key role in the development and prosperity of Pawnee City.

About Pawnee City Community Foundation (PCCF):

The Pawnee City Community Foundation (PCCF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Pawnee City through philanthropy, leadership, and community engagement. The Foundation focuses on initiatives that promote the well-being and growth of

the community, including supporting local infrastructure, education, healthcare, and housing projects. By fostering strong partnerships with residents, businesses, and government entities, PCCF works to ensure a vibrant future for Pawnee City and its surrounding areas. Through grants, donations, and volunteer efforts, the Foundation is committed to driving positive change and creating lasting impact for generations to come.

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