

Block Grants Awarded to Brownville and Beatrice

(KLZA)-- Brownville and Beatrice are among eight Nebraska communities recently awarded Community Development Block Grants for downtown revitalization.

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development awarded \$2.8-million to the communities to complete Phase II in Downtown Revitalization category. The projects are designed to provide resources for commercial rehabilitation and infrastructure improvements in the downtowns of the selected communities.

Brownville will receive \$350,000 to implement commercial rehabilitation and public facility improvements to the Village's downtown buildings and resources. The historic riverboat town was established in 1854 and annually hosts more than 15 events attracting thousands of visitors to the community of 128.

The community matching contribution is approximately \$87,500.

Beatrice will also received \$350,000 to be used to complete façade improvements, and other commercial improvements in order to continue to revitalize the historic character of the downtown.

The City's matching contribution is approximately \$105,000.