

**PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to improve neighborhoods in the City by promoting replacement of existing defective sidewalks. This program is intended to help eliminate the hazardous conditions that create a potential liability for the community where the sidewalks have deteriorated or become damaged by tree roots or other forces.

**WHAT SIDEWALKS QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM?**

Only sidewalks in front of your property that parallel the street, nearest the curb of the street, qualify for this program.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Assistance is available for any property located within the city limits. All applications must be filed by the property owner. Proof of ownership will be required in the form of a deed or land contract recorded in the Office of the County Clerk.

In all cases, all real estate taxes and all charges for utilities and other city fees must be paid up to date for the property where improvements are being considered and all other

properties within the city limits owned by the applicant.

**TERM OF THE PROGRAM**

The City Council will establish the amount set aside for this program. The grants will be on a first-come basis until all funds have been exhausted.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Owner-Occupied Properties)**

A financial assistance grant is available to cover a portion of the cost of eligible improvements made under this program up to a maximum of \$3,000 for each property. The assistance will vary, depending on the income and household size of the applicant.

**LOW-INCOME-OWNER OCCUPANTS**

Owner occupants with annual gross income under the following limits may be eligible for grants to cover 75% of the cost of replacing their sidewalks.

<u>Household Income Size</u>	<u>1-Month Gross Income</u>	<u>Annual Gross</u>
1	\$1,860	\$22,330
2	\$2,514	\$30,170
3	\$3,168	\$38,010
4	\$3,821	\$45,850
5	\$4,474	\$53,690
6	\$5,128	\$61,530
7	\$5,781	\$69,370
8	\$6,434	\$77,210

For households with more than eight members, add \$653/\$7,840 for each additional member.

**OTHER OWNER OCCUPANTS**

Owner occupants with income above these limits may be eligible for grants to cover 25% of the cost of replacing their sidewalks.

**PROOF OF INCOME**

Proof of income will be based on most recent 3-month's pay stubs and/or annual tax return.

**HOW DO I APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE?**

Call or visit the City Hall for an application at:

11 S. Central Avenue  
Hartley, IA 51346  
Regular Office Hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Telephone – (712) 928-2240  
Email: erica@tcaexpress.net

## **ARE YOUR SIDEWALKS IN THIS CONDITION?**

- Vertical separations equal to three-fourths (3/4) inch or more.
- Horizontal separations equal to three-fourths (3/4) inch or more.
- Holes or depressions equal to three-fourths (3/4) inch or more in width and depth.
- Spalling over fifty (50) percent of a single square or panel of the sidewalk with one or more depressions equal to one-half (1/2) inch or more.
- A single square or panel of sidewalk cracked in such a manner that no part thereof has a piece greater than one square foot or is cracked in such a manner that it constitutes a danger or a potential danger to the public.
- A sidewalk with any part thereof missing to the full depth.
- A deviation on the staked and constructed grade equal to three-fourths (3/4) inch or more.

If you think that your sidewalk has any of these defects and you want to apply for this grant;

- 1) Contact City Hall to apply.
- 2) The City will determine if your sidewalk meets the requirements for a grant. If it does you must prepare a sketch plan outlining the proposed project.
- 3) The City will determine your level of financial assistance.
- 4) A Contractor will need to be hired by you to do the sidewalk replacement
- 5) When the work is completed the City will inspect it for final approval. Any grants awarded will be paid directly to the contractor who performed the sidewalk replacement.

### **THINGS TO KNOW!**

Make sure you can afford your portion of the sidewalk replacement.

If you choose not to take advantage of this program, the City will enforce sidewalk replacement, and you, the property owner, will be responsible for the whole cost.



## **RESIDENTIAL SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

*A program designed to replace defective sidewalks*