BEMIDJI, MN – December 9, 2020 – The Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) is offering Housing Stabilization for communities affected by the Enbridge Line 3 construction project. The deadline to apply is December 18th at 5:00 PM.

**Project Summary:** Stakeholders across the region are challenged to find housing solutions in an already tight housing market. Individuals and families who struggle to find housing are now competing against high wage workers connected to the Enbridge Line 3 construction project. NMF is granting up to $30,000 to innovative strategies to create or maintain available housing stock for those hardest to house in our communities. This program is available to 501c3 non-profit, tribal governments and municipal governments in the 12 counties of Northwest Minnesota. Grants amounts are anticipated to be between $5,000 and $10,000.

**Examples of strategies include:**

1. Paying increased rent costs;
2. Master leasing units;
3. Encouraging shared housing;
4. Contracting with hotels; and
5. Reimbursing costs for allowing people to “double-up”.

These are examples, any innovative solution will be considered. Applicants will need to demonstrate how the influx of workers from Enbridge Line 3 has or will impact the housing available in your community to serve the hardest to house. Along with details of how you will implement a strategy.
How to apply: The first step is to complete a pre-screen application. Visit www.nwmf.org and click on “Open Grant Rounds” to access the pre-screen or e-mail Cory Boushee at coryb@nwmf.org to get the information to complete the online pre-screen.

Once you have completed the pre-screening you will be contacted with instructions to complete the rest of your application in the NMF online grant portal.

If you have any questions about the review process or need assistance, please e-mail Cory Boushee coryb@nwmf.org, or contact by phone at 218-759-2057.

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