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**Vernon County receives a Grant to help Homeowners and Businesses
Impacted by September 2016 flood event**

Viroqua, WI. (April 24, 2017) – Vernon County is pleased to announce it has received a **\$3,317,750** grant from the State of Wisconsin, Community Development Block Grant-Emergency Assistance Program (CDBG-EAP). These funds are to assist homeowners who were impacted by the flood events of September 2016 in Vernon County including the Villages of Desoto and Viola even if they are in Crawford or Richland County. In addition, Vernon County also received funding to assist businesses that were impacted by the September flood event.

Funds to assist homeowner rehabilitation are offered as a grant. Homeowners must be income eligible and repairs are limited to flood damage only.

Family Size	Income Limits <i>Crawford, Richland and Vernon Counties, WI</i>
1 Person	\$ 35,100
2 Person	\$ 40,100
3 Person	\$ 45,100
4 Person	\$ 50,100
5 Person	\$ 54,150
6 Person	\$ 58,150
7 Person	\$ 62,150
8 Person	\$ 66,150

Vernon County has a history of assisting homeowners after the flood events in 2007 and 2008. In previous years, repairs to driveways and culverts were not allowed by the funding; however they may be considered in this grant cycle. If your household qualifies for CDBG-EAP assistance and you have already made repairs to your primary residence, you may be eligible for reimbursement with proper documentation.

“These funds help ensure safe housing, provide jobs to local contractors and keep our housing stock in good repair. This is a great opportunity for Vernon County residents” states Diane McGinnis, Vernon County Resource and Community Development.

Information sessions about applying for this grant will be held around the County on the following dates and locations at 6:30 p.m.

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| May 2, 2017 | Wheatland Community Center | May 10, 2017 | Chaseburg Community Hall |
| May 3, 2017 | Readstown Municipal Building | May 11, 2017 | Viola Village Hall |
| May 4, 2017 | Hillsboro City Hall | May 16, 2017 | Viroqua Legion |
| May 9, 2017 | Sterling Town Hall | | |

Applications are also available by contacting Mark Johnson at 608-637-5320.