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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Information Session for Contractors on March 23 at Grand River Center**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque Housing and Community Development Department is hosting an information session for general contractors, trade contractors, and subcontractors at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, at the Grand River Center in Salon A. City staff will discuss a wide variety of upcoming business opportunities for contractors, review requirements including insurance, and explain the formal bidding process.

Over the next five years, the City of Dubuque is investing \$22.5 million to improve 652 housing units. This will include general remodeling, renovating dilapidated properties, foundation repairs and modifications, water and sewer improvements, electrical work, property drainage improvements, mold and mildew remediation, lead paint and asbestos remediation, and more.

These activities are part of a neighborhood revitalization campaign titled: Comprehensive Housing Activities for Neighborhood Growth and Enrichment (CHANGE). In 2006, the City launched Sustainable Dubuque, a holistic approach to sustainability that addresses ecological/environmental integrity, economic prosperity, and social/cultural vibrancy. CHANGE is an extension of sustainability to specifically address marginal properties, affordable housing, and homeownership.

CHANGE includes acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale programs (\$12.5 million, 100 housing units); the Bee Branch Healthy Homes Resiliency Program (\$5.4 million, 320 housing units); the Lead Hazard Control & Healthy Homes Program (\$2.2 million, 92 housing units); and homeowner repair and rehabilitation loan programs and Community Housing Initiatives (\$2.4 million, 140 units).

To RSVP for the contractor information session, call the Housing and Community Development Department at (563) 690-6168 or email [housing@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:housing@cityofdubuque.org) by March 21. Free food will be provided, and all attendees will be eligible for gift card drawings. For more information, call (563) 589-4230.

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