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**SWIPCO Announces Completion of 4 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation
Community Development Block Grant Projects**

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Atlantic, Iowa – Southwest Iowa Planning Council (SWIPCO) announces the completion of 4 owner-occupied housing rehabilitation Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects in Harlan, Stanton, Villisca, and Walnut. These grants addressed updates to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, windows, doors, siding, roofing, handicap accessibility, and lead based paint, bringing the homes up to Iowa’s minimum housing standards.

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“These grants are game changers for our residents and communities,” said John McCurdy, Executive Director at SWIPCO. “The value of what these grants bring is that they not only help the individual homeowners by improving the safety and energy efficiency of their homes but help improve the value of all the homes in the community over time.”

“When I found out that I actually had lead paint, it made me feel unsafe for my daughter to be outside by herself as it was on the railings,” said Bailey Foote, a homeowner assisted in Stanton. “The application process was great. The staff at SWIPCO made everything easier. I would tell Mathew and everyone at SWIPCO thank you for this grant. Thanks for being easy to work with. Thanks, from everyone here in Stanton for making our town look better.”

CDBG is a program funded by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development managed in Iowa by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. SWIPCO is a council of governments serving the eight counties of southwest Iowa with public transportation, community development, and housing. SWIPCO is an equal opportunity employer, provider, and lender. To learn more about what current programs are available, visit www.swipco.org or call 712-243-4196.

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