

# Big Stone County Dilapidated Structures Program

## Policy:

The County will work together with municipalities and individuals in Big Stone County to promote community revitalization and reinvestment in the County.

1. The Big Stone County Dilapidated Structures Program will be administered by the Board of Commissioners. Applications are available at the Auditor's Office.
2. The program is principally designed to address municipally owned dilapidated structures acquired via tax forfeiture or privately owned dilapidated properties key to a community's revitalization or beautification plan.
3. The program is not intended to eliminate the financial and maintenance responsibility of private property owners.
4. The program is not meant to have the County as the sole financial contributor to a project.

## Funding:

The County will allocate up to \$4,500 per project. An additional \$1,000 will be given if there is asbestos removal.

1. Preference will be given to projects when a municipal or private land owner contributes 15% of the cost or more to the project. Some funds may be in-kind, but must be approved by the Board.
2. If a municipality receives funding under this policy and subsequently levies an assessment against the property for costs it has incurred in cleaning up a dilapidated structure, it shall reduce its assessment by the amount of said funding it has received.
3. Preference will be given to residential projects.
4. Applicants must receive Board approval prior to commencing the project in order to be eligible to receive the funding.
5. Payment will be made in the form of reimbursements within 60 days after a project has been completed. Property owners must submit receipts to the Board, who shall approve the reimbursement before it is issued.
6. In the event demand of funds exceeds available dollars, preference may be given to municipalities who have not received demolition assistance, whether municipally or privately owned, during the previous 12-month period.