

Cotton County Community News

NOTICE OF RESALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES

Cotton County, State of Oklahoma

Notice is hereby given that, under authority and mandatory requirement of 68 O.S. § 3125-3127, each of the hereinafter described lots, tracts, and parcels of real estate, all situated in Cotton County, State of Oklahoma, will be sold at public auction to the highest competitive bidder for cash, provided that for each parcel or tract, the bidder offers a sum equal to or greater than two-thirds of the assessed valuation of such real estate as fixed for the current fiscal year 2025 - 2026, or the total amount of taxes, ad valorem and special, interest and costs legally due on such property computed to and as of June - ,whichever is the lesser; said sale to be held at the Office of the Cotton County Treasurer, State of Oklahoma beginning on the second Monday in June, 8, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and continuing from day to day thereafter between the same hours until said sale has been completed according to law.

It is hereby stated that each of said lots, tracts, and parcels of real estate hereinafter listed, has remained unpaid for a period of more than three years from the date such taxes first became due and payable; that in the schedule below appears under caption indicating Lands (Section, Township, and Range), City or Town, or subdivision thereof, in which located, following each described lot, tract and parcel of real estate, in the order herein set out, the name of the owner as of 2025, the year or years for which taxes have been assessed but remain unpaid, the total amount of all delinquent ad valorem taxes, costs and interest that have accrued thereon and remain legally due and unpaid as of the date of first publication of notice of Resale, the total amount of all delinquent special assessments, costs and interest that since accrued thereon and remain due and unpaid as of the first publication in May, the date of said resale, and the total due. On resale date one and one-half per cent further interest will have accrued.

The above notice applies to the following lots, tracts and parcels, to wit:
Witness my hand this 6 day of May, 2026

/s/ Tammy Simpson
Tammy Simpson, County Treasurer
Cotton County, Oklahoma

Type Year Tax Penalty Cost Total																												
TID: 4278 BAYLESS, JAMES E	LOTS 10-16	REAL 2022 30.00 18.00	51.14 99.14	REAL 2024 18.00 4.32	35.00 57.32	REAL 2025 18.00 1.08	30.00 49.08	REAL Total 66.00 23.40	116.14 205.54	S 2024 3,920.81 529.31	5.00 4,455.12	S Total 3,920.81 529.31	5.00 4,455.12	Grand Total 3,986.81 552.71 121.14 4,660.66														
TID: 5768 BLEVINS, MANDY M	E 7' LOT 18 AND ALL OF LOT 19 AND W 18' OF LOT 20	BLOCK 6	WALTERS HEIGHTS	319 W. WYOMING	REAL 2022 418.00	250.80 35.66 704.46	REAL 2024 430.00	103.20 35.00 568.20	REAL 2025 452.00 27.12	30.00 509.12	REAL Total 1,300.00 381.12 100.66 1,781.78																	
TID: 1958 BLEVINS, ROBERT & MANDY	TR IN NE 34-3-10	1.08 ACRES	REAL 2022 346.00	207.60 81.14 634.74	REAL 2023 355.00	149.10 35.73 539.83	REAL 2024 429.00	102.96 65.00 596.96	REAL Total 1,130.00 459.66 181.87 1,771.53																			
TID: 7303 BURNETT, DANA	LOTS 3-8	BLOCK 55	RC	REAL 2022 52.00 31.20	64.27 147.47	REAL 2023 52.00 21.84	35.73 109.57	REAL 2024 52.00 12.48	65.00 129.48	REAL 2025 51.00 3.06	30.00 84.06	REAL Total 207.00 68.58 195.00 470.58																
TID: 4026 CHUMLEY, BRIAN E., ETUX	LOTS 1-4	BLOCK 2	TEMPLE REAL	320 E. CENTRAL	REAL 2022 108.00 64.80	51.14 223.94	REAL 2023 111.00 46.62	35.73 193.35	REAL 2024 114.00 27.36	35.00 176.36	REAL 2025 119.00 7.14	30.00 156.14	REAL Total 452.00 145.92 151.87 749.79															
TID: 5476 DALRYMPLE, ELDON D	LOTS 27-28	BLOCK 81	WALTERS ADDITION	111 W. NEBRASKA	REAL 2022 45.00 27.00	64.27 136.27	REAL 2023 60.00 25.20	35.73 120.93	REAL 2024 62.00 14.88	35.00 111.88	REAL 2025 65.00 3.90	30.00 98.90	REAL Total 232.00 70.98 165.00 467.98															
TID: 7202 DAVEY, JACKIE	LOT 4	BLOCK 41	RANDLETT	REAL 2022 9.00 5.40																								
TID: 7203 DAVEY, JACKIE	LOT 5	BLOCK 41	RANDLETT	REAL 2022 203.00	121.80 35.66 360.46	REAL 2023 212.00 89.04	35.73 336.77	REAL 2024 224.00 53.76	35.00 312.76	REAL 2025 230.00 13.80	30.00 273.80	REAL Total 869.00 278.40 136.39 1,283.79																
TID: 1901 EDGMON, LARRY CRAIG & JANE E.	TR IN SW 27-3-10	.33 ACRES	602 W. OKLAHOMA	REAL 2022 492.00	295.20 51.14 838.34	REAL 2023 503.00	211.26 35.73 749.99	REAL 2024 518.00	124.32 35.00 677.32	REAL 2025 439.00 26.34	30.00 495.34	REAL Total 1,952.00 657.12 151.87 2,760.99																
TID: 4908 EDMERSON, DARRELL	LOTS 27-30	BLOCK 7	EAST TEMPLE	REAL 2022 74.00 44.40	51.14 169.54	REAL 2023 76.00 31.92	49.46 157.38	REAL 2024 13.00 3.12	65.00 81.12	REAL 2025 13.00 0.78	30.00 43.78	REAL Total 176.00 80.22 195.60 451.82																
TID: 4907 EDMERSON, JOHN W., ETUX	LOTS 23-26	BLOCK 7	EAST TEMPLE	REAL 2022 10.00 6.00	35.66 51.66	REAL 2023 10.00 4.20	49.46 63.66	REAL 2024 10.00 2.40	65.00 77.40	REAL 2025 10.00 0.60	30.00 40.60	REAL Total 40.00 13.20 180.12 233.32																
TID: 4277 FAIRL, JAMES & LELA	LOTS 7-9	BLOCK 46	TEMPLE REAL	303 S. COMMERCIAL	REAL 2022 88.00 52.80	51.14 191.94	REAL 2023 8.00 3.36	35.73 47.09	REAL 2024 8.00 1.92	35.00 44.92	REAL 2025 7.00 0.42	30.00 37.42	REAL Total 111.00 58.50 151.87 321.37															
TID: 4071 HILL, DAVID E	LOT 11-12	BLOCK 12	TEMPLE REAL	202 E. IOWA	REAL 2022 212.00	127.20 51.14 390.34	REAL 2023 217.00 91.14	35.73 343.87	REAL 2024 223.00 53.52	35.00 311.52	REAL 2025 214.00 12.84	30.00 256.84	284.70 151.87 1,302.57	TID: 4606 HORN-														
BECK, JESSE G, ETUX	LOTS 19-24	BLOCK 71	TEMPLE HEIGHTS	119 W. MINNESOTA	REAL 2022 51.00 30.60	51.14 132.74	REAL 2024 55.00 13.20	35.00 103.20	REAL 2025 59.00 3.54	30.00 92.54	REAL Total 165.00 47.34 116.14 328.48																	
TID: 1089 HOWARD, ROBERT ETUX	NW NE 26-2-11	BEG 400'E & 355'S OF NW CORN	OF NE 26-2-11 THEN 290.4'S 150'WEST	290.4' NORTH 150'EAST	300 N EXPO ROAD	REAL 2022 377.00	226.20 64.27 667.47	REAL 2023 400.00	168.00 35.73 603.73	REAL 2024 408.00	97.92 65.00 570.92	REAL 2025 429.00	25.74 30.00 484.74	REAL Total 1,614.00 517.86 195.00 2,326.86														
TID: 5559 HOWARD, ROBERT L ETUX	W 13' LOT 5 AND ALL OF LOT 6 AND	E 29' OF LOT 7	BLOCK 2	EAST SIDE	418 E. MISSOURI	REAL 2022 481.00	288.60 40.66 810.26	REAL 2023 502.00	210.84 49.46 762.30	REAL 2024 506.00	121.44 65.00 692.44	REAL 2025 524.00	31.44 30.00 585.44	REAL Total 2,013.00 652.32 185.12 2,850.44														
TID: 5558 HOWARD, ROBERT, ETUX	W 1/2 OF LOT 4 AND E 37' OF LOT 5	BLOCK 2	EAST SIDE	422 E MISSOURI	REAL 2022 307.00	184.20 40.66 531.86	REAL 2023 296.00	124.32 35.73 456.05	REAL 2024 302.00	72.48 65.00 439.48	REAL 2025 263.00	15.78 30.00 308.78	REAL Total 1,168.00 396.78 171.39 1,736.17															
TID: 9400 JACOBS, RONNA	LOTS 20-22	BLOCK 8	HOUGH ADDITION	505 EAST INDIANA	REAL 2022 843.00	505.80 51.14 1,399.94	REAL 2023 912.00	383.04 35.73 1,330.77	REAL 2024 932.00	223.68 65.00 1,220.68	REAL 2025 962.00	57.72 30.00 1,049.72	REAL Total 3,649.00 1,170.24 181.87 5,001.11															
TID: 7229 JONES, CELESTE M. KRI-NARD	REAL 2022 127.00	76.20 51.14 254.34	REAL 2024 127.00	30.48 35.00 192.48	REAL 2025 130.00 7.80	30.00 167.80	REAL Total 384.00 114.48 116.14 614.62																					
TID: 5061 LAGUNA, ALEXIS	LOT 9	BLOCK 1	HAYCO	203 LAKE DRIVE	REAL 2022 552.00	331.20 51.14 934.34	REAL 2023 585.00	245.70 49.46 880.16	REAL 2024 598.00	143.52 65.00 806.52	REAL 2025 628.00	37.68 30.00 695.68	REAL Total 2,363.00															
REAL 2022 396.00	237.60 51.14 684.74	REAL 2023 339.00	142.38 35.73 517.11	REAL 2024 349.00	83.76 35.00 467.76	REAL 2025 361.00	21.66 30.00 412.66	REAL Total 1,445.00 485.40 151.87 2,082.27																				
TID: 4899 LAMBERT, MARGARET	LOTS 1-2	BLOCK 7	EAST TEMPLE	REAL 2022 5.00 3.00	51.14 59.14	REAL 2023 5.00 2.10	35.73 42.83	REAL 2024 5.00 1.20	35.00 41.20	REAL 2025 5.00 0.30	30.00 35.30	REAL Total 20.00 6.60 151.87 178.47																
TID: 4236 MARTINEZ, SIMON PETER	LOTS 11-12	BLOCK 38	TEMPLE REAL	222 SOUTH COMMERCIAL	REAL 2022 276.00	165.60 51.14 492.74	REAL 2023 282.00	118.44 35.73 436.17	REAL 2024 290.00	69.60 35.00 394.60	REAL 2025 301.00	18.06 30.00 349.06	REAL Total 1,149.00 371.70 151.87 1,672.57															
TID: 6111 MCNITT, TRISTON & LOGAN-ANN	LOT 9	BLOCK 3	HIGH ADDITION	1112 HEATHER DR	REAL 2022 950.00	570.00 64.27 1,584.27	REAL 2023 1,006.00	422.52 49.46 1,477.98	REAL 2024 1,028.00	246.72 65.00 1,339.72	REAL 2025 1,081.00	64.86 30.00 1,175.86	REAL Total 4,065.00 1,304.10 208.73 5,577.83															
TID: 4837 MILLS, LENA	LOTS 1-3	BLOCK 20	A & F ADDITION	REAL 2022 8.00 4.80	51.14 63.94	REAL 2023 8.00 3.36	35.73 47.09	REAL 2024 8.00 1.92	65.00 74.92	REAL 2025 7.00 0.42	30.00 37.42	REAL Total 31.00 10.50 181.87 223.37																
TID: 4496 NASH, W M	LOT 24	BLOCK 42	TEMPLE HEIGHTS	W. GEORGIA	REAL 2022 3.00 1.80	51.14 55.94	REAL 2023 3.00 1.26	35.73 39.99	REAL 2024 3.00 0.72	35.00 38.72	REAL 2025 3.00 0.18	30.00 33.18	REAL Total 12.00 3.96 151.87 167.83															
TID: 6422 PATMAN, STACIE R	LOT 27	BLOCK 1	LIONS CLUB	144 LIONS COVE	REAL 2022 552.00	331.20 51.14 934.34	REAL 2023 585.00	245.70 49.46 880.16	REAL 2024 598.00	143.52 65.00 806.52	REAL 2025 628.00	37.68 30.00 695.68	REAL Total 2,363.00															
758.10 195.60 3,316.70																												
TID: 7099 PORRAS, PATRICIA	LOTS 5-8	BLOCK 10	RC	REAL 2022 338.00	202.80 51.14 591.94	REAL 2023 336.00	141.12 35.73 512.85	REAL 2024 338.00	81.12 35.00 454.12	REAL 2025 347.00	20.82 30.00 397.82	REAL Total 1,359.00 445.86 151.87 1,956.73																
TID: 7139 RORIE, NANCY	LOT 6	BLOCK 23	R. C.	REAL 2022 9.00 5.40	35.66 50.06	REAL 2023 9.00 3.78	35.73 48.51	REAL 2024 9.00 2.16	35.00 46.16	REAL 2025 9.00 0.54	30.00 39.54	REAL Total 36.00 11.88 136.39 184.27																
TID: 7442 RORIE, NANCY	LOTS 15-16	BLOCK 75	RC	REAL 2022 17.00 10.20	35.66 62.86	REAL 2023 17.00 7.14	35.73 59.87	REAL 2024 17.00 4.08	35.00 56.08	REAL 2025 17.00 1.02	30.00 48.02	REAL Total 68.00 22.44 136.39 226.83																
TID: 7243 RORIE, NANCY HEAD	LOTS 13-15	BLOCK 48	RC	REAL 2022 16.00 9.60	51.14 76.74	REAL 2023 16.00 6.72	35.73 58.45	REAL 2024 16.00 3.84	35.00 54.84	REAL 2025 16.00 0.96	30.00 46.96	REAL Total 64.00 21.12 151.87 236.99																
TID: 6346 SEVIER, JANA MARIA	LOTS 9-10	BLOCK 9	HOUGH	REAL 2022 180.00	108.00 51.14 339.14	REAL 2023 190.00	79.80 35.73 305.53	REAL 2024 194.00	46.56 35.00 275.56	REAL 2025 204.00	12.24 30.00 246.24	REAL Total 768.00	246.60 151.87 1,166.47	S 2025 954.27 71.57	5.00 1,030.84	S Total 954.27 71.57	5.00 1,030.84	Grand Total 1,722.27 318.17 156.87 2,197.31										
TID: 105443 SKYLINE CAPITAL GROUP LLC	E 11' OF LOT 26 AND ALL OF 27-29 AND W 14' OF LOT 30	BLOCK 77	WALTERS ADDITION	REAL 2024 169.00	40.56 35.00 244.56	REAL 2025 160.00 9.60	30.00 199.60	REAL Total 329.00	50.16 65.00 444.16	S 2022 369.26 177.24	5.00 551.50	S 2023 308.55 134.22	5.00 447.77	S 2023 385.63 127.26	5.00 517.89	S 2023 307.77 96.95	5.00 409.72	S 2023 340.00 102.00										
TID: 105548 SKYLINE CAPITAL GROUP LLC	LOTS 27-29	BLOCK 89	WALTERS ADDITION	REAL 2024 51.00 12.24	35.00 98.24	REAL 2025 54.00 3.24	30.00 87.24	REAL Total 105.00	15.48 65.00 185.48	S 2022 412.56 198.03	5.00 615.59	S 2023 448.62 195.15	5.00 648.77	S 2023 522.22 172.33	5.00 699.55	S 2023 316.44 99.68	5.00 421.12	S 2023 244.40 65.99	5.00 315.39	S 2024 246.95 33.34	40.00 320.29	S 2024 355.79 42.69	5.00 403.48	S 2024 286.31 25.77	5.00 317.08	S Total 2,833.29 832.98	75.00 3,741.27	Grand Total 2,938.29 848.46 140.00 3,926.75
TID: 105848 SKYLINE CAPITAL GROUP LLC	LOTS 28-29	BLOCK 15	WALTERS HEIGHTS	REAL 2024 20.00 4.80	35.00 59.80	REAL 2025 20.00 1.20	30.00 51.20	REAL Total 40.00 6.00	65.00 111.00	S 2022 542.73 260.51	5.00 808.24	S 2023 385.63 127.26	5.00 517.89	S 2023 259.22 81.65	5.00 345.87	S 2024 246.95 33.34	40.00 320.29	S 2024 289.75 34.77	5.00 329.52	S 2024 218.13 19.63	5.00 242.76	S Total 1,942.41 557.16	65.00 2,564.57	Grand Total 1,982.41 563.16 130.00 2,675.57				
TID: 105858 SKYLINE CAPITAL GROUP LLC	LOTS 17-18	BLOCK 16	WALTERS HEIGHTS	REAL 2024 216.00	51.84 35.00 302.84	REAL 2025 201.00	12.06 30.00 243.06	REAL Total 417.00	63.90 65.00 545.90	S 2022 283.25 135.96	5.00 424.21	S 2023 339.52 106.95	5.00 451.47	S 2023 335.06 110.57	5.00 450.63	S 2024 224.21 30.27	40.00 294.48	S 2024 221.04 26.52	5.00 252.56	S 2024 267.44 24.07	5.00 296.51	S Total 1,670.52 434.34	65.00 2,169.86	Grand Total 2,087.52 498.24 130.00 2,715.76				
TID: 105865 SKYLINE CAPITAL GROUP LLC	LOTS 7-8	BLOCK 17	WALTERS HEIGHTS	REAL 2024 306.00																								

73.44 35.00 414.44
 REAL 2025 283.00
 16.98 30.00 329.98
 REAL Total 589.00
 90.42 65.00 744.42
 S 2022 436.84 209.68
 5.00 651.52
 S 2023 258.55 112.47
 5.00 376.02
 S 2023 523.68 172.81
 5.00 701.49
 S 2023 316.44 99.68
 5.00 421.12
 S 2024 201.39 48.33
 40.00 289.72
 S 2024 246.95 33.34
 40.00 320.29
 S 2024 436.90 52.43
 5.00 494.33
 S 2024 218.13 19.63
 5.00 242.76
 S Total 2,638.88 748.37
 110.00 3,497.25
Grand Total 3,227.88
838.79 175.00 4,241.67

TID: 105891 SKYLINE CAPITAL GROU PLLC
 LOTS 15-16
 BLOCK 21
 WALTERS HEIGHTS
 102 W. WYOMING
 REAL 2024 21.00 5.04
 35.00 61.04
 REAL 2025 21.00 1.26
 30.00 52.26
 REAL Total 42.00 6.30
 65.00 113.30
 S 2022 332.41 159.56
 5.00 496.97
 S Total 332.41 159.56
 5.00 496.97
Grand Total 374.41
165.86 70.00 610.27

TID: 105978 SKYLINE CAPITAL GROU PLLC
 LOTS 11-12
 BLOCK 30
 WALTERS HEIGHTS
 222 E. TEXAS
 REAL 2024 225.00
 54.00 35.00 314.00
 REAL 2025 210.00
 12.60 30.00 252.60
 REAL Total 435.00
 66.60 65.00 566.60
 S 2022 305.49 146.64
 5.00 457.13
 S 2023 291.22 126.68
 5.00 422.90
 S 2023 322.76 106.51
 5.00 434.27
 S 2023 268.76 84.66
 5.00 358.42
 S 2024 201.39 48.33
 40.00 289.72
 S 2024 221.04 26.52
 5.00 252.56
 S 2024 257.84 23.21
 5.00 286.05
 S Total 1,868.50 562.55
 70.00 2,501.05
Grand Total 2,303.50
629.15 135.00 3,067.65

TID: 106685 SKYLINE CAPITAL GROU PLLC
 W 12'6" OF LOT 12 & ALL OF 13-14
 BLOCK 33
 ROSS ADDITION
 601 E. VIRGINIA
 REAL 2023 29.00 12.18
 35.73 76.91
 REAL 2024 28.00 6.72
 35.00 69.72
 REAL 2025 29.00 1.74
 30.00 60.74
 REAL Total 86.00 20.64
 100.73 207.37
 S 2022 446.98 214.55
 5.00 666.53
 S 2023 505.61 212.36
 35.73 753.70
 S 2023 542.85 179.14
 40.73 762.72
 S 2023 374.79 118.06
 5.00 497.85
 S 2024 210.44 50.51
 40.00 300.95
 S 2024 256.47 34.62
 40.00 331.09
 S 2024 398.93 47.87
 5.00 451.80
 S 2024 279.07 25.12
 5.00 309.19
 S Total 3,015.14 882.23
 176.46 4,073.83
Grand Total 3,101.14
902.87 277.19 4,281.20

TID: 4270 SMITH, THOMAS A, JR.
 LOTS 7-10
 BLOCK 45
 TEMPLE REAL
 206 E. OHIO
 REAL 2022 10.00 6.00
 51.14 67.14
 REAL 2023 10.00 4.20
 35.73 49.93
 REAL 2024 10.00 2.40
 65.00 77.40
REAL Total 30.00 12.60
151.87 194.47

TID: 4944 SMITH, THOMAS A, JR.
 LOTS 9-10
 BLOCK 12
 EAST TEMPLE
 REAL 2022 5.00 3.00
 35.66 43.66
 REAL 2023 5.00 2.10

35.73 42.83
 REAL 2024 5.00 1.20
 65.00 71.20
REAL Total 15.00 6.30
136.39 157.69

TID: 5815 SPENCE, BOBBIE J
 LOTS 27-28
 BLOCK 12
 WALTERS HEIGHTS
 207 W. VIRGINIA
 REAL 2022 195.00
 117.00 64.27 376.27
 REAL 2023 174.00
 73.08 35.73 282.81
 REAL 2024 177.00
 42.48 65.00 284.48
 REAL 2025 186.00 11.16
 30.00 227.16
REAL Total 732.00
243.72 195.00 1,170.72

TID: 4280 TAYLOR, RICHARD BURNS
 LOTS 20-22
 BLOCK 46
 TEMPLE REAL
 REAL 2022 218.00
 130.80 51.14 399.94
 REAL 2023 223.00
 93.66 49.46 366.12
 REAL 2024 230.00
 55.20 65.00 350.20
 REAL 2025 238.00
 14.28 30.00 282.28
REAL Total 909.00
293.94 195.60 1,398.54

TID: 4295 WALLS, JAMES M & DEANNA M
 LOTS 16-18
 BLOCK 48
 TEMPLE REAL
 REAL 2022 385.00
 231.00 51.14 667.14
 REAL 2023 394.00
 165.48 35.73 595.21
 REAL 2024 405.00
 97.20 35.00 537.20
 REAL 2025 420.00
 25.20 30.00 475.20
REAL Total 1,604.00
518.88 151.87 2,274.75

TID: 6135 WHITE-COTTON, MICHELLE
 LOT 3
 BLOCK 2
 HERITAGE
 618 W. NEVADA
 REAL 2022 551.00
 330.60 64.27 945.87
 REAL 2023 575.00
 241.50 49.46 865.96
 REAL 2024 579.00
 138.96 65.00 782.96
 REAL 2025 583.00
 34.98 30.00 647.98
REAL Total 2,288.00
746.04 208.73 3,242.77

TID: 7543 WOOD, STEVY M
 LOTS 8-12
 BLOCK 98
 RC
 REAL 2022 66.00 39.60
 51.14 156.74
 REAL 2023 66.00 27.72
 35.73 129.45
 REAL 2024 66.00 15.84
 35.00 116.84
 REAL 2025 49.00 2.94
 30.00 81.94
REAL Total 247.00
86.10 151.87 484.97

TID: 7544 WOOD, STEVY M
 LOTS 1-2
 BLOCK 99
 RC
 REAL 2022 15.00 9.00
 35.66 59.66
 REAL 2023 15.00 6.30
 35.73 57.03
 REAL 2024 15.00 3.60
 35.00 53.60
 REAL 2025 15.00 0.90
 30.00 45.90
REAL Total 60.00 19.80
136.39 216.19

TID: 7546 WOOD, STEVY M
 LOT 4
 BLOCK 99
 RC
 REAL 2022 9.00 5.40
 35.66 50.06
 REAL 2023 9.00 3.78
 35.73 48.51
 REAL 2024 9.00 2.16
 35.00 46.16
REAL 2025 9.00 0.54
30.00 39.54
 REAL Total 36.00 11.88
 136.39 184.27



USDA Is Now Accepting Applications For Rural Businesses And Community Development Projects

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 18, 2026 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it is making \$27.7 million in grants available through the Rural Business Development Grant Program (RBDG). This program provides funding for business and community initiatives that promote economic growth and job creation.

Eligible applicants can include rural cooperatives, state government agencies, towns, and communities, nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher learning, and federally recognized Tribes. Individuals and for-profit businesses or organizations are not eligible to apply.

Applications will compete in two separate categories:

Business opportunity grants: May be used for business support centers, technology-based economic development, leadership and entrepreneur training, feasibility studies, business plans, long-term strategic planning, and other eligible activities.

Business enterprise grants: May be used for training and technical assistance, project planning, business counseling, market research, feasibility studies, and product or service improvements, buying or developing land, easements, or rights of way, including access streets and parking areas, constructing or renovating buildings, and buying machinery and equipment, capitalizing revolving loan funds, and supporting rural business incubators and community economic development and other eligible activities.

Electronic applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. local time through Grants.gov on the due date. The Rural Business Development Grant Program has two different closing dates:

June 15, 2026, only applies to Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) applications.

June 30, 2026, applies to the remainder of the applicants. For more information on how to apply please visit on gov or contact your local USDA Rural Development office.

OMRF Finds That Two Common Drugs May Protect The Heart In HIV

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 18, 2026 — Two widely used medications may prevent heart disease in people living with HIV, an Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientist has discovered.

If confirmed through further study, the findings by Jasim Ahamed, Ph.D., could improve both the lifespan and quality of life for those with the human immunodeficiency virus.

Once an automatic death sentence, HIV today is, for most of the 40 million people worldwide who have it, a manageable chronic condition, thanks to a daily drug cocktail known as antiretroviral therapy.

However, HIV patients still face a significantly higher risk of cardiovascular disease. A 2024 study by the Journal of the American Heart Association found that people with HIV, on average, develop heart failure 10 years earlier than the general population.

Specifically, people with the immune system virus that causes AIDS are prone to a type of heart failure in which the heart muscle becomes too stiff to fill with blood properly.

In two separate studies, Ahamed's lab at OMRF used special types of laboratory mice to understand why this happens. He found that both HIV itself and certain drugs in the daily treatment regimen caused the rodents' hearts to develop scarring and fat buildup.

This scarring acts like internal callouses, making the heart lose its elasticity. The studies pinpointed a specific protein released by blood platelets as the primary driver of this damage.

Ahamed's research found that the cholesterol-lowering drug atorvastatin, often prescribed under the brand name Lipitor, protected the rodents' hearts by "calming" the platelets and inhibiting the protein that triggers scarring.

Most importantly, this benefit happened independently of cholesterol levels, which explains why statins seem to help people with HIV, even those whose "bad" cholesterol is already low.

In a separate study, Ahamed found that the drug dapagliflozin, which is approved for the treating type 2 diabetes, significantly reduced heart scarring and fat accumulation in the HIV mice. It also appeared to block pathways that tell heart cells to turn into scar tissue, effectively preserving the heart's ability to relax and fill with blood.

"These findings provide a roadmap for protecting the hearts of people living with HIV," Ahamed said. "By using drugs that many people already take for other reasons, we may be able to block the specific pathways that lead to heart failure."

For both studies, Ahamed collaborated with scientists at the Weill Cornell Medical College in New York. He will discuss these discoveries in July during an international conference to be held in Paris.

"Dr. Ahamed's research suggests that for people living with HIV, these drugs often do much more than their original labels suggest," said OMRF physician-scientist Hal Scofield, M.D., who also serves as associate chief of staff for research at the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center. "They aren't just lowering cholesterol or blood sugar; they are actively shielding the heart from the unique stresses of HIV and its treatment."

Ahamed's discoveries were published in the journals JCI insight and AIDS. His research was supported by grant No. 5R01HL167656 from the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health.



OSU Wheat Variety Testing Plot Tours Benefit Producers

By Baylee Smith

STILLWATER, Okla. – Oklahoma State University is hosting wheat variety testing plot tours across the state as part of the annual wheat variety trials to allow producers to learn about local growing conditions and how different wheat varieties respond to them.

Funded by the Oklahoma Wheat Commission and the Oklahoma Wheat Research Foundation in partnership with OSU Extension and OSU Ag Research, the 2026 plot tours are in 17 locations across the state, starting at the end of April and ending in May. The tours include both replicated and demonstration plots to show treatments and management techniques side-by-side at the field scale.

"The wheat plot tours are a great opportunity for producers to see how varieties are performing under real field conditions, especially under the drought and disease pressure we are seeing this year," said Amanda Silva, OSU Extension small grains specialist. "They also get to see the latest research from our programs."

Producers from across Oklahoma and surrounding states use these plot tours to make informed decisions about their own growing operations.

"I see a lot of the same people year after year," said David Gammill, a producer in Cotton County. "It's an effective way to see how different varieties from different institutions stand out badly or stand out well in the area."

During the plot tours, producers can engage with Extension educators and specialists, as well as fellow producers who share similar experiences.

"It is our chance to hear from producers about their challenges and needs," Silva said. "We develop our research program around their interests, so we always look forward to these moments to interact with and learn from them, too."

The plot tours so far have shown a severely drought-stressed crop, which will result in a large reduction in yield and harvested acres in the state, Silva said.

"We are also seeing lots of fields with wheat streak mosaic and barley yellow dwarf virus infestations," she said.

Following the plot tours, OSU will conduct wheat variety trials on these locations across the state to collect data on yield, test weight, protein concentration, disease resistance and key traits such as maturity and lodging or any other characteristic that appears in the season, offering a snapshot of the challenges and conditions faced by Oklahoma wheat producers this season.

Information from these trials will help producers choose the best wheat variety to maximize profit.

More than 70% all wheat acres in Oklahoma are planted with varieties developed at OSU, including 43 varieties commercialized by the OSU Wheat Improvement Team since 2000. This team directly and significantly impacts food security worldwide, with wheat supplying 20% of the energy humans derive from food.

Efforts are underway to modernize the OSU's Agronomy Research Station and create the Agronomy Discovery Center with new and updated facilities to better serve key constituents and lead in comparative advantage areas in the wheat industry.

To learn more about the plot tours and variety trials, visit Wheat Research and Extension online.

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